

Parents Association Committee Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2025

1. Meeting Business

- The meeting was called to order.
 - The February minutes were approved.
 - **Treasurer's Report:** Current account balance is \$3,230.84.
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2. Event Review: Daddy-Daughter Dance

- The Sweetheart Soirée was held at Common Ground.
 - Attendance: 37 dads and 43 daughters.
 - Expenses: \$761.
 - Profit: \$573.19.
 - Notable highlights included the popularity of hair tinsel and a well-received raffle.
 - The committee discussed:
 - Making the Daddy-Daughter Dance an annual event.
 - Acquiring storage space for PAC decorations and supplies.
 - Creating future events that are inclusive of all family structures.
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3. Spring Event Planning

- A mother-son event was proposed, centered around a Nerf battle.
 - Two vendors were considered: a local provider (\$375) and a Harrisonburg company (\$1,000).
 - The committee voted to proceed with the local company.
 - Potential dates include April 26 or the first Saturday in May.
 - A church gym was suggested as the venue.
 - Additional inclusive event ideas discussed:
 - Family field day.
 - Movie night.
 - The importance of family connection and accessibility in event planning was emphasized.
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4. Fundraising Initiatives

- **Playground Enhancement:**
 - A Gaga ball pit was requested by students.
 - A used Gaga pit was found for \$500 on Facebook Marketplace.
 - The committee approved the purchase if still available.
 - **Community Events:**
 - Potential to host a family movie night.
 - Consideration of combining the Nerf battle and movie night into one event.
 - Venue options (indoor and outdoor) and pricing structures were discussed.
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5. Future Fundraising Ideas

- **Cookbook Fundraiser:**
 - Postponed to the fall due to time constraints.
 - Estimated 6–8 weeks for production.
 - Goal to complete by the Fall Harvest event.
 - Plan to include a special section featuring recipes from cafeteria staff.
 - **Restaurant Partnership Fundraisers:**
 - Discussed as an option to replenish PAC funds and engage the community.
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6. Merchandise and Raffle Fundraisers

- **Custom Blanket Fundraiser:**
 - Proposal included a minimum order of 100 blankets at \$10.50 each.
 - Decision made to postpone until fall, when colder weather increases demand.
 - Discussion included a potential “buy one, give one” charity model.
 - **Raffle and Large-Scale Fundraising:**
 - A half-beef raffle was proposed as a possible fundraiser.
 - A fireworks tent was also discussed, with projected profits between \$10,000–\$14,000.
 - The group explored other branded merchandise and the use of parent networks for support and outreach.
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7. Teacher Appreciation and School-Related Concerns

- **Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5–11):**
 - Plans include organizing two lunches and collecting raffle prizes.
 - A parent sign-up will be created to coordinate item contributions.
 - **School Topics:**
 - Concerns were raised about class sizes and future matriculation plans.
 - Committee members expressed a need for improved communication from the school board.
 - Discussion included strategies for attracting and retaining older students.
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8. Action Items

Heather

- Explore storage options for PAC decorations and supplies.

Committee

- Move forward with planning the Nerf battle mother-son event.
- Check availability for the Nerf event on April 26 or the first Saturday in May.
- Postpone blanket fundraiser to the fall.
- Create a parent sign-up form for Teacher Appreciation Week contributions.
- Collect raffle items for Teacher Appreciation Week.

John

- Contact the seller regarding the Gaga ball pit on Facebook Marketplace.

Hannah

- Follow up with Ms. Mundie regarding school board meeting concerns and communication.