Attendees (15): Principal Deonise, Sarah Brady, Kim Breeland, Brandon Kurz, Vanessa Ledesma, Brent Senesac, Jenny Patton, Michele Lipovitch, Becky, Melissa Schwartz, Stacy, Cheryl Berrington, Anil Phull and Suzy Rager

#### Call to Order:

The virtual meeting was recorded and called to order by Vice President Sarah Bracy at 6:33pm.

## Secretary's Report:

- September meeting minutes are available on the www.paradisevalleypto.org/ web site.
- Attendees waived reading of the minutes
- Do we have a motion to approve September meeting notes?
  - First: Anil Phull
  - Second: Brandon Kurz
  - September meeting minutes unanimously approved

## Principal's Report/Mr. Deonise:

- Teachers are really looking forward to the upcoming luncheon
- 15 kids took PSAT on Saturday 10/14 and 90 will take the makeup exam on 10/31 half-day (including any other kids in the district)
- Homecoming dance 1,000 kids, nearly zero issues, great job by StuGo!
- Due to shortage of referees, Senior Night last game is being moved to Thursday 10/19
- 2nd Q started today and PT conferences next week; and grades will be available
  Thursday morning
- Used funds for daily issued Phoenix city bus passes for kids in need (and tracking their attendance in order to receive one the next day)
- Senior picture deadlines (for Grads) have been sent to parents and senior ads (Jostens) deadline is December 31st

# Treasurer's Report/Kim Breeland

- There are additional \$2500 Principal's funds
- \$9,700 opening balance
- \$350 in parent registrations
- Booster group fees will come out of accounts in October slightly under, due to softball being discontinued
- Payments for online auction fees; items for teacher requests (Ms. Mercer)'
- Overall a lean month for activities
- Carrying softball and wrestling funds which will be transferred, plus the
- \$10,700 current balance, \$15k in bank (additional funds plus Mr. Deonise)
- Major annual income expected from online auction starting end of month, plus concession funds, basketball/volleyball/baseball
- Working on tax returns

## Fundraising/Jenny Patton for Angela Escobedo

- Jenny Patton provided an update because Angela was unable to join
- All auction items due 10/20 and the Auction will be held 10/31 11/4
- Contact Angela at Angela.arizonarealty@gmail.com with any questions
- There are almost 80 items loaded
- A proxy bid means if someone else bids, then your bid goes up to
- An exact bid takes the price from the current to the amount you want to pay for it
- Jenny Patton committed that, even though her daughter is a senior, "all you have to do is ask and I will help"

### **Scholarships**

No update, this activity typically happens in the new year after auction funds have been raised

## Social Media/Communications/Sarah Bracy

- There are a lot of great updates for all the ECs
- Jenny is going to post the auction info to the PTO website information website
- PTO donations there are 21 items, some small some very nice
- Hosting after school for 11/8-11/9 right after the auction, to pick up winnings at the media center

## **Teacher Representative**

- No teacher attended/gave updates

# **Booster Updates**

### Melissa Schwartz - CREST

- In transition mode between treasurers, getting ready for December symposiums;
- A teacher (Joseph Troxil) received a grant for microchips

### Robotics - Stacy

- News crew filming the Robotics Team on 10/17 after their recent great performance
- Championships are two weekends away, and the first robotics league to be held in January
- Also participating at Haunted Paradise with 4 different robots as hungry hippos

### Becky - Choir

- Spook my Yard fundraiser underway, have sold 10 so far
- Next month's fundraiser is for nationwide coupon booklets
- Also several baskets and items for the auction.

### Brandon Kurz - Theater

- Finished Velveteen Rabbit
- Had first Chipotle fundraiser \$125 raised
- Now set up for electronic donations with Zepi
- Shout out to Lisa (President) for increased social media presence

### Brandon Kurz - Swim/Dive

- Final home meet is Wednesday (also Senior Night)
- Several qualifiers for State already, plus another meet on Friday
- Raised \$4500 with pledge drive through 99 Pledges

#### Brent Senesac - Band & Orchestra

- Came in 3rd at recent festival and upcoming UoA Band Day
- Several upcoming fundraisers (Zagg, Cold Beer & Cheeseburger)

# Staff Appreciation/Michele Lipovitch

- Next staff appreciation is October 20th, sponsored by Blue Orthodontics.
- Melissa from Blue Ortho is planning an Italian theme, signup genius to be posted shortly.
- Teacher luncheon donations were lower than expected due to fall break, maybe due to the large number of concurrent fundraisers
- Volunteers are needed for the luncheon

# **Booster Updates (Continued)**

# Cheryl Berrington - Volleyball

- Finished 4th this weekend in the Barry Goldwater tournament
- Blue Orthodontics donated meal for 10/18 "Pink Out"
- Rubios Restaurant Day 10/25 and 10/26 is Senior Night/last game of season

#### Kim Breeland - Football

- Last home varsity game moved to Thursday, JV has one more game (Wednesday)
- There are 14 seniors, so activities will start early at 6:30p
- Donations were provided to give free tickets to students

# Sara Bracy - Cheer

- Taco fundraising at 16th and bell on 11/8 (right after you pick up your auction items)
- There will be two large baskets for the auction
- Football season is winding down and then we will transition to basketball

### **UPC Report Melissa Schwartz**

- The Bond is on the ballots which have been recently mailed out

- It really needs to pass to protect our facilities, we don't want it to be pushed back to next year which will be much more difficult with everything going on. We lost the bond in prior years by as few as 34 votes.
- AZ Cardinals game tix available through UPC and this supports the school buses, referees, etc.

# **Upcoming Fundraising**

- Included in booster updates

#### **Old Business**

No discussion

### New Business/Votes

- New teacher requests
- 1. Emily Dililo 1 yr subscription for \$21.73 for Texas Instruments interactive board
  - Motion by Kim to approve, 2nd by Anil
  - Unanimously approved
- 2. Holly Gorman for JAG (program which helps students jobs for AZ graduates, Jobs for Arizona Graduates) \$150 reimbursement for paint for Haunted Halloween
  - Motion by Sarah to approve, 2nd by Anil
  - Unanimously approved

## Next PTO meeting November 6th

# Adjourn/Sarah Bracy

- Adjourned at 7:34pm