

Grad Parent Committee Meeting
Jan 30 - 7pm @PCC

Started with a tour of the venue. Various committee heads took photos and notes that were applicable to their areas (decorating/entertainment).

Updates from Committee Heads:

Budget:

- Including Bottle Drive (\$5700) and grad fees that have come in we have \$12000 towards our \$63000 target.
- Talked again about the success of the silent auction last year - planning for it this year.
- We need more parent participation for fundraising so that the ones we do are more successful
- Plan to send out budget with minutes so families know why we need so much \$\$
- Suggestion that maybe we want to make it an option for families to just donate \$ if they aren't in a position to donate time to fundraising - discussion. No final decision on process, but we are happy to accept any and all donations!

Fundraising:

- Aiming for 1 activity a month (ish)
- Upcoming plans include:
 - Seed fundraiser (Jan)
 - Online 50-50 (Feb) - if it goes well plans to have a couple more
 - Adult Dance (early March) - will include other fundraising games at the event **(requires 20-25 volunteers to run - look for a signup sheet this week!)**
 - Next bottle drive Feb 26
 - Spring flower baskets before Mother's Day (April)
 - Online auction (date TBD)
 - Other ideas: paint night, food/beverage night, grocery cards? More info to come.
- Bottle drive question - there was some confusion over the sorting - 3 different sets of information from them - will try to have it clarified before the next bottle drive
- Big message- we NEED more participation in the fundraisers or we may have to scale back our budget.

Fashion Show:

- Still need to meet with grad council to gauge interest
- Tentative date would be in May

Parade:

- If we follow the rules of the road - no need for traffic controllers (this is more like a car rally though, not a parade). If we want to have slow speed/kids on floats or in the back of vehicles - need traffic controllers.
- Talked about a 3rd option - limo shuttle service... will look into this idea further

Entertainment:

- Hypnotist booked again - Gavin Hooper
- Other ideas in the works include:
 - Roaming magician for during dinner at tables
 - Angel card/oracle reading
 - Photo booth
 - Casino games
 - DJ (Wailin' Dalen booked)
- Still in the early planning stage, but lots of quotes coming in. Will depend on how the fundraising goes as to what we can do,
- Discussion about staying true (ish) to the casino theme as much as possible

Food:

- Spice of Life booked
- Possibly includes:
 - Mocktails on entry
 - Veggie platter/cracker platter on tables
 - Dinner buffet
 - Dessert (candy bar)
- Discussion re: pizza snack at about 10:00 - some back and forth about necessity - no final decision yet.

Next meeti ng - Monday Feb 13 @ 7:00 - back at BSS in library