

AL PTO Meeting NOTES

September 21, 2021

6:00p via Zoom



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- Introduction of 2021-22 PTO Board Members
- Diversity and Inclusiveness/New Belongings committee – Kelly Baker, kbaker@academielafayette.org
 - Get new incoming parents connected
 - Working with head of school to get this kicked off
 - 2nd Wednesday monthly, 6-7 pm – please, all are welcome to join us!
 - Our next meeting is actually tomorrow night!
- Events for Fall 2021
 - Boo Bayou – 3:00-6:00p at Oak and Cherry Campuses; Oct 30
 - What is Boo Bayou?? – Event around Halloween/Fall Celebration event on a Saturday afternoon; costumes, bounce houses (not during covid tho), crafting tables; just a great event for families to get together and connect.
 - Cherry Campus: Beth Harlow – Boo Bayou will be different this year! We'll still do popcorn, cotton candy, cake walk, and trunk or treat.
 - Oak campus: We need someone to take Oak campus
 - Natalie Bonebrake Bowman has a K at Oak and wants to help!
 - Fall Mixer MS/HS – Brande Molina
 - With a DJ and outside on the field
 - \$5 charge per student
 - Friday night is HS (Oct 29); Saturday night is MS (Oct 30)
 - Haunted Hallway – traditionally a 6th grade project; we're hoping some 6th graders might want to create this as part of the Fall Mixer on 10/30.
 - Restaurant Nights – Brande Molina
 - Culver's @ 79th and Stateline on 9/28.
 - Holiday Art Market
 - Family Feud/Trivia
 - Spirit wear Update
 - Trash Bag Fundraiser update
- Evening in Paris (EIP) Fundraiser – Nicole Kube
 - Smaller function: Spring Function
 - Future of event – the event is enormous work just on parents. We anticipate moving this event in some form to AL Administration/Development team to execute as desired, such as a gala, etc. with PTO offering support, but not spearheading the event.
 - The school is growing and this event could grow.
- PTO Budget – Patsy Campos
 - **Annual Fund:** it offsets any grants we get externally; there is typically a wide gap! This fund helps cover basic school needs; door to door transportation; teacher funds for class supplies, etc.
 - **Fundraiser Subtotal:** previously, whatever was brought in by EIP was then transferred directly to the school. These covered Extracurriculars. So when EIP moves to the school, all the Extracurriculars line items will also be transferred from PTO to the School.
 - **Musketeer Fund:**
 - covers France trip (M. MBengue says he's hopefully it's a-go this year; but still not totally sure.)
 - French students coming here
 - support for students in need

- **Closing – Alonda Lona**

Other notes:

- **Raffle Event** – one of the biggest fundraiser that goes to the Annual Fund.
 - Details: <https://go.rallyup.com/academielafayetteannualraffle21/Campaign/Details>
- **8th Grade Sweatshirt** – Kerry S is working on getting this done.
- **Room Parents** – organize classroom events. But we want you to volunteer in PTO, too!!
- **TRIPS:**
 - New Orleans trip for 8th graders – we still do not know.
 - Since we have a H.S. now, we can't have three trips. So there definitely won't be the 8th grade Nola trip in the future.
 - Per parent Nicole Johnson, can any parents help brainstorm alternate ideas? Per M. MBengue "I'll let you know."
 - Brande Molina, we'd really like to make something happen for the 8th graders this year, since they also missed out on the France trip.