

NESA pARTners Membership Meeting Minutes

March 20th 2024 7PM in the PERC

6:45 PM Greet arrivals, members sign in

7:05 PM Called to Order & established quorum by Jules Aldaz Guerra (President)

Financial Report-Lisa Kamenick (Treasurer)

Opening balance is \$36.2K, there was over \$4000 in concessions income, \$1868 in t-shirt expense, \$4K in show meals expense and over \$7K in SAEF scholarship expense leaving us with a closing balance of \$26,650.

The February 7th Minutes were approved without changes and Angie Ogawa (Secretary) reported that we have 186 members.

Spotlight on Major-Dance-Carolyn Gresham & Anthony Martinez (Director)

Both Dance directors spoke about their program including that both of them are NESA graduates. 17 dance majors attended the NYC Spring Break trip. The Directors made new connections with new choreographers during the trip and hope to build on those connections next year. The Dance department has a capacity for 56 dance majors. The audition requires a score that meets a "Gifted & Talented" designation for admission to NESA Dance.

Principal's Update-Mrs. Evans (Principal)

Mrs. Evans announced that Playoffs were coming and would feature 16 plays. NESA is hosting incoming freshmen for a Shadow Day on Wednesday March 27th and asked pARTners to provide pizza. She emphasized the importance of attendance, and that 9 absences in a class makes a student ineligible for credit in that class. When students miss school for an audition, those absences are NOT excused. Students are going to be given some class accommodations to go outside for the April 8th eclipse. When asked if there would be a NESA trip next year, she responded that some majors may travel, but some may not. There are 44 NESA seniors that will graduate Summa Cum Laude of the 129 Summa grads on campus. This reflects students graduating with a gpa over 100.

Old Business

1. Jules Aldaz Guerra (President) announced that the nominations process for 2024-25 board positions will open using a Google Form self nomination. All positions are open and members are encouraged to self nominate. Nominations close on April 2nd and elections will be held April 3rd at the April Membership meeting. OPEN
2. Jules reminded members of our current Volunteer Needs: Scholastic Arts & Writing, Footnotes Concessions, Banquet

New Business

1. NESA Fundraising update Crystal Pounds (2nd Vice President)
2. Lisa Kamenick (Treasurer) reported that Cinema had finalized their plans to spend their gift to from pARTners on a camera and new lights. Closed
3. Nancy Pardo (Vice President) reminded all that Banquet is May 30th at UIW and provided a 2024 Committee update. (OPEN)

Announcements & Events

4th Annual Playoffs Mar 22-24th 6pm

Footnotes April 12-14th & NESA pARTners Membership Meeting April 3 7pm