

Grad Meeting Notes - February 29, 2024 7pm Via Google Meets

Attended: Llonda Leaver, Kim Nielsen, Kim Russel, Maeghan Heck, Kim Rauhala, Cherry Bessey, Jenni Dodman, Dillon Partridge, Jeff Olford, Jennofer Bommarito, Marie Blakely, Merian Valdez, Mya Badger, Cy Claassens (15)

Regrets: Marla Kimball

Maeghan Heck Will do Notes/Minutes for Marla Kimball

Theme: Enchanted Garden

Number of Grads: 71- but 69 participants for celebrations (at this time, could change)

Add 1 outreach student- could be 72 plus Mr. Wassmer

Items Discussed/ Status update

1. Dinner

Will need a firm headcount at least 2 weeks prior

- Paige at the office will put together a google form early April-will include ticket #'s, allergies, picture in the park
- Tickets will be printed as this will help control numbers at the venue- printed at school office- **Action Kim Nielsen** to find the template for the tickets and forward to Paige
- **Action Kim Russell** to advise Caterer on the napkin colors and require 3 drink stations

2. Sound and Lights- Kim - **booked** - deposit paid

- Rural Roots Photography for dinner has been booked-contract signed and payment sent

3. Student committee report- update given by Llonda Leaver- The students. Have not met since last meeting. Google Classroom for speeches have been sent out. Students to continually check Google Classroom and the meeting will be set up prior to next.

4. Decorating: Coordinator: Kim Rauhala and Tessa will head this committee and direct the sub committees

-Sign up list sent out via email-some spots still open for the few sub committees.

- Discussed Grad gifts. We decided to go with lanyards only. The graduates will also get the wood boards we are branding and a picture frame. **Action Jenni Dodman** to get Lanyards arranged with Lygas Approx \$4-\$5 each
- We will create. Table numbers from wood d as well. **Action Llonda** will be checking to see if we can get the wood donated. Yes. The shop class to cut. Cherry Bessie will arrange to have table numbers. Burned into the wood. We will add Dowling. Into the wood table number. To hold pictures instead of using picture frames. As the graduates weren't too excited about having picture frames.
- Londa Leaver says a grade 12 students. Who makes origami Dragons. We will have this student make Dragons for each table centerpiece to add a little touch of colour.
- The subcommittee for the Table Centerpieces will do a mock up. Of the centerpiece so the graduates can see what it will look like before we order and make the 76 table centerpieces we will need.

- Cherry Bessie said that the brand. For the table, centerpieces should be done within the next week.
 - There are table runners in storage from a previous grad that are purple, green and blue. We may want to use these to add colour as well.
 - We recommend. Subcommittees borrow or use what we have. For example, lights. And possibly tulle. We will need. Some people. To go through the storage container as soon as we can gain access. Waiting for the snow to melt
 - An example budget was proposed by Londa Leaver.
 - \$1000 for centerpieces
 - \$600 for the three photo stations.
 - \$600.00 for the ceiling decorations
 - \$300.00 for the stage.
 A total of \$2500 budget. This budget relies on the bottle drive to bring in a substantial amount of Fund raising money.
 - Keep receipts of all. Purchased items. And submit to page. Better to submit. More than a single receipts at a time. And she will issue. A check. Or we can also ask Paige Harvey to see if she will order for us.
5. Fundraising- mixing spoon update
 - i. Mixing spoon and Coffee update- Completed
 - ii. Prairie Gourmet Pierogi and sausage- Completed
 - iii. Next fundraiser-Bottle Drive- April 2-
 - iv. Growing Smiles- start March 18th and close April 12- order via website only- flower pick up May 3 or May 10th
 6. TimeLine- Picture in park, Dinner, speeches, dance, ect... Info will be posted on website closer to the grad date
 7. Cap And Gown Ceremony-location will be School
 - Live stream- Anna Wassmer will do this if around but we will ask Miika Weigum to be our back up for live stream- **Action Maeg** to ask Miika
 8. Banners-Cherry Bessie reported;
 - Ronda Hunter with Didsbury Alumni will run a Facebook page to get a fundraiser for banners. We will give her number of graduates and possibly contact Prairie Whistle to have another hot dog fundraiser?
 - Banners will be hung by Jeff Heck/ Triple H Electric. Will also have. Quinn Heck. Jeff Olford Sr. and Jr., Cole Howard and Londa Leaver Will assist with hanging the banners. The. Town would like us to remove their banners, hang ours and take. Down our own. But we will not be required to replace the towns. Banners. They recommend we hang them and allow for them to be up for three to four weeks prior to grad and leave up until mid June. Our grad committee suggests we remove mid June so that students can have the banners before the end of the school year.
 - The pictures for the banners will be released the end of March. They will be sent to Chelsea for the yearbook. Cherry will. Get a copy. So they could be forwarded to Lygas to start making the banners. The students picture with the rust coloured headshot are the ones that will be chosen, and if a graduate doesn't choose one, the photographer will choose one for them with that background.

9. Next meeting: March 14th at 7pm- Final parent grad meeting to discuss final fundraising/budget will be April 23rd