

MSA Booster Board Minutes

March 23, 2020 – Online Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present: Shelley Brough, Hazel Dolar, Gaurav Jhaveri, Deepak Kanwar, Maha Ramanan, Janey Wan, Dr. Yun Wan, Dr. Dimpy Koul, Sonali Tayi, Rama Pakala, Rakesh Kumar, Sarika Gandhi, Roopali Goel

MSA Student Officers: Neer Jain, Ann Phan, Aniruddh Sriram

Meeting called to order: 7:05 PM

Discussion of Banquet Plans for this year:

Whether we should hold the MSA Banquet at Safari as in the past. A deposit of \$2,000 has been made for this year. Sonali contacted them, they said that we could use that deposit for next year if we didn't/couldn't go through with the banquet this year. At this point we do not know if the school district will be opening the school and school activities up again in May.

Discussion:

- Sonali - Safari is not committing to refunding our money; however, they are willing to take the deposit to go against next year's banquet.
- Roopali - Should we wait until FBISD decides on graduation meeting and then decide.
- Shelley - We cannot wait until a lot later because then we will lose almost \$5000 if we don't cancel with enough time to sell tickets and sponsorships. One option is to do it but not in Safari but a much smaller event (at the cafeteria) and move the deposit for Safari to next year's banquet.
- Sonali - We can do in Cafeteria like the Halloween event but a lot less formal, and make it only for kids and not parents. We can reduce the cost of food.
- Deepak - We should do it definitely
- Rakesh - How much time do we have to see before we can cancel this ticket
- Rama - We don't have enough information to make a call immediately. Let us wait until later (end of April) before we can make a decision.
- Sarika - Try to raise money thru the group, senior parents etc.
- Jane - Liability of having a big group of people together. We should try to put it to next year.
- Rakesh - What is the difference of cost between Safari and Cafeteria expenses?
- Sonali - Biggest cost difference is venue (\$41/person (200 minimum) at Safari vs only food cost at Cafeteria.
- Shelley - Total cost is \$8,430 for Safari (\$33/person + 18% gratuity + tax: 200 people minimum)
- Yun - Most likely school will not be open this semester.

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- Janey - School will not be open this semester.
- Deepak - Can we wait until July
- Shelley - Seniors will be travelling later in the summer, so that may not be a good idea.
- Jigisha - Can we wait until later to move to a new venue or continue in Cafeteria.
- Rama - Let us wait until later in April mid before we decide
- Dimpy – TX Medical Center is closing down everything; they are 100% sure that nothing is going to happen before that. Nothing will change between now and next month.
- Sonali - If we wait until later, we need to be able to still raise \$9000.
- Shelley – We may not need to raise that much, we may end up with a deficit of \$1500 (IF we sell 200 tickets), which is normal for the banquet cost each year.
 - Wait until April 14 (District Update) to decide.

Motion made by Shelley:

- Wait on final decision until after FBISD decides (around April 10) if they will reopen schools and activities in May.

Seconded: by Dr. Yun Wan

In Favor:

- Rama
- Jigisha
- Dimpy
- Deepak
- Maha
- Rakesh
- Gaurav
- Janey

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Neer Jain:

- Mrs. Matney is retiring, so students were going to brainstorm alternatives.
- Looking to do a poll etc to decide plan of action

Other Business:

- Shelley/Neer Jain –
 - Interest in the Memory Book and will work on that.
 - Not sure about the District's Print shop, will find out if they are open for business.
- Shelley
 - Interest in next year's Board, filling in slots. Google document was sent out to current board for interest in open positions.
- Gaurav
 - Changes to bylaws need to be considered before end of year.

Meeting adjourned: 7:54 PM