

WatersToday Board Meeting Agenda

March 10, 2021

Public meeting, 7-8:30 p.m.

Closed meeting, 8:30-9 p.m. (as needed)

WatersToday Mission Statement

WatersToday was created for the purpose of raising and administering money to support Waters Elementary School. Working collaboratively and respectfully with the Thomas J. Waters Elementary administration, faculty and Waters community, WatersToday strives to continually support, augment, and enhance the educational experience of Waters Elementary students. Our primary focus is to support the Waters ecology program and strategic school initiatives.

Secretary – Jacqueline Gaines

- Jacqueline moved to approve Feb minutes; Mary seconded; all in favor

Admin / School Team – Titia Kipp, Nilsa Alvarez, Amy Vecchioni

- Back to school transition has been going well. Thank you to parent volunteers.
- Ms Booczko thanked Sam for all of the materials to support in-person learning
- Ms Alvarez requested carts for middle grades teachers. Ms Alvarez shared that ecology and SEL is back in program on remote Wednesdays
- Ms Vecchioni announced author (Mary Winn Heider) event next week for middle school students; another book order has been placed for books on women's history month; \$1380 raised for students who need art supplies through badges/trophies/awards

Ecology Program – Pete Leki

- Pete would like to share about history of the school and ecology program at Big Night
- Wednesday ecology went well and Pete will work with teachers to visit classrooms individually also
- Planning for garden - one idea is to dedicate the produce from garden to Circle of Help families
- Ms Alvarez mentioned potential for kids to get into the garden, will need to ensure pods don't cross

Presidential Team – Kortney Moore and Melaina Prest

- WT board elections, 2021-23 term – June 9
 - Two year term with a one-year overlap for co- roles

Treasurers – Sam Kaune and Jesse Brannan

- Of \$25,000 allocated at beginning of year, \$10,000 left. Most recent expenditures related to reopening supplies; Teacher reimbursements have been paid
- Circle of Help will be through funds in March

Community & Events Team – Leah Rieger and Jennifer Davidson

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- **BIG NIGHT UPDATE**
 - Big Night will look very different than previous years. Last year 285 people attended. This year will be “Big Night at Home” May 22nd
 - Party Packs will go on sale April 12. Will vary in size (2-10 people) and depending on level will get swag, appetizers, wine, dinner. Info will be on waterstoday.org/bignight soon. Theme will be garden night. Program is being planned now and will be included in party packs and will either livestream or be able to be viewed. But Party Packs are not necessary to attend the virtual event (free of charge). Lizzy J, Mrs Murphy’s, Saizon catering will offer menu options. L&M and Gene’s will be doing charcuterie boards. Wine from Augusta
 - Flower Making class with Ms Vecchioni will be part of it. Maybe corsages in the swag bag?
 - There will be parent and teacher parties and silent auction
 - Seeking volunteers to assist with Auction, Parent & Teacher Parties and Video for Program.
 - Goal will be \$60,000
 - Circle of Help was discussed as the possible Gift from the Heart recipient. Kortney will reach out to Ms Kipp to get her feedback.
 - Sponsorship opportunities will be on the website (starting at \$500).

Volunteer Team – Maripa Abella and Poppy Brandes (5 minutes)

- **BIG NIGHT:**
 - Will be looking for volunteers to: help recruit parent and teacher parties; videographer / editor; be auction assistants; distribute party packs
 - Email sent to parent volunteer list and post shared to FB asking for people to get in touch with the Auction Team or Big Night Chairs.

Communications & Marketing Team – Mary Gallery and Cara Sullivan

- Big Night communications is beginning - main concern is making sure that info about the live stream and add-on party packs is clear
- Mary suggested doing a K and 1st story hour closer to Big Night / when tickets go on sale

Public Q&A

Hope Nichols asked about pursuing teacher grants (to consider for next year’s LSC). Kortney will add that to list of items to discuss with LSC and administration.