

PACA Connect Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2023
8:00 AM

- I. Welcome–Gaby May (President) and Ellie Merritt-Zeiger (Vice-President)
 - A. Theme: Our Generous Community
- II. Charlie David Dinner-Highlights (Jason Singleton-CA Athletics Director)
 - A. Funds raised for athletics: \$39,984.03
 - 1. Pays for 69 MS/US teams (not including PACA Youth Sports) in 23 sports
 - a) Equipment (very large portion of funds raised): LOTS of balls, nets (ie: soccer nets are about \$1000 each), helmets, etc.
 - b) Operations: Lining fields, etc.
 - B. We sold 1,475 meals (includes sponsors) - 309 more meal tickets sold than last year
 - C. We sold 444 raffle tickets - 364 more raffle tickets sold than last year
 - D. We sold 90 sponsorship packages
 - E. Food trucks only donate a portion of food sales–not all food sales
 - F. Congratulations to the winners of the Charlie David raffle for reserved parking spots:
 - 1. LS- Shana Karnes
 - 2. MS-Ellie Merritt-Zeiger
 - 3. US- Bob Lee
 - G. Thank you to all who supported our ONE athletics fundraiser of the year! We are not a Pay-to-Play school, so this is a very important event for us.
 - H. Play-offs are starting for fall sports–come out to support our teams!
- III. Service at Columbus Academy (Christy Bening–Service Department Chair at CA)
 - A. We are a very fortunate community!
 - B. Just today, we started with the blood drive at 7:00 AM–building a habit of service through kids watching adults giving–37 donors so far. Ninth grade left this morning to serve throughout the community. Post-PSAT kids will build boxes for Kids4Kids donations.
 - C. Thank you for your inspiration, support, and habits!
 - D. Community service is essential to CA
 - 1. CA Service Department consists of faculty members
 - 2. PACA supports through volunteers
 - 3. US Service Board
 - a) Leaders are elected by the student body
 - b) 3 blood drives/year
 - c) Faith Mission–serve a meal every month

- d) Every week over 150 kids meet to talk about service–student-led
 - 4. Start the year with apple picking events for food banks–donated almost 1,500 lbs. of apples in September
 - 5. Community partnerships with Otterbein and Westerville Habitat for Humanity to build walls–all ages can participate
 - 6. Empty Bowls–Friday, December 8 event at Otterbein Campus Center 5-7 PM (100 W. Home Street)
 - 7. Students run the recycling program every week (Thank you to the Rumpke family for providing the compactor)
 - 8. Clothing Exchange Closet–available at no cost to families–near the nurses’ office; once a quarter it is placed outside of Morris Hall so that people can select items privately–open all the time during those times–this starts this Monday, October 16
 - 9. Blessing Boxes–look like Little Libraries–CA built and placed 3 of these in the community at COTA bus line stops during COVID–CA stocks them with non-perishable food for anyone who needs it–anyone can help with this
 - 10. MLK Day and Presidents’ Day: Kids Bake4Good (baking bread) and make quilt squares for Project Linus
 - 11. Kids4Kids Service Drive I’m(see notes in section IV)
 - 12. Monthly Service Newsletter
- E. EVERY hand makes a difference!
- IV. Kids4Kids Project (Kimberly Allison and Ria Forchione–PACA Volunteers)
- A. Annual school wide community service project–non-perishable food and clothing drive (supports 30 families from the Childhood League and Royal Manor Elementary chosen by social workers and counselors in need):
 - 1. Non-perishable Food Drive Donations October 16-31 (donations collected in each classroom or advisory)–no glass containers and please check expiration dates
 - 2. Clothing Drive Donations October 23-November 7 (donations collected in carts at each carpool circle and then taken to the athletic lobby)
 - a) Fall/Winter clothing in all sizes–kids and adults–*gently* used or new
 - b) Toys, books, coats, bedding
 - c) Snow boots, but not other shoes please
 - 3. Each grade from 3 YO to 12th grade participates in a specific role
 - 4. Service learning/education is a key component of this project and all service at CA

5. Please see the list of items needed, volunteer signups, Fill-a-Wish signups, and additional information on [PACA's website](#)
 6. Culmination is 8th Grade Service Day–packing up and cleaning up the athletic lobby and unpacking, serving, and touring the Childhood League and Delivery Day to Royal Manor Elementary and the Childhood League
 7. No waste project–every donated item goes to someone
- V. Cultural Corner: ¡HOLA!-Hispanic Heritage Month Recap
- A. Community events:
 1. HOLA's annual tailgate supporting the girls' varsity team against Franklin Heights on Sep 23
 2. Salsa Workshop & Community Dance Day featuring Rodney Eric Lopez
 3. Student events:
 - a) LS- Tortilleria Activity for all the LS students
 - b) MS- Creation of small country floats by advisory; the parade will take place in LS next week
 - c) US- Tuesday is tortilla day!
- VI. Announcements
- A. [PACA Website](#): see this for information and volunteer signups
 - B. Questions: paca@columbusacademy.org
 - C. QR Code for volunteering:



- VII. The Faculty Appreciation committee invited all participants to stick around after the meeting to help prepare Conference Survival Kits for our amazing faculty!
- VIII. Thank you for attending and for all of your generosity and contributions!