

**Doane Academy  
Parents Association  
Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2017**

Prior to the start of the meeting, Headmaster George Sanderson, welcomed and updated the group on new and ongoing projects and events. He reminded everyone of the Admissions Open House, the Greene Room renovation was completed over the summer and will be the future meeting place of the Parents Association (PA), new theater lights are installed and 150 new seats are pending. The theater will be a versatile space used for meetings and performances. It has come in on time and under budget. Mr. Sanderson also encouraged parents to attend the social media presentation by Dr. Devorah Heitner on October 17.

On November 8-10, Doane will be hosting a team visit for a dual reaccreditation with NJAIS and Middle States. The team will be meeting with faculty, staff, parents and students over the 3 day visit.

The meeting was opened at 6:30 by PA President, Richelle Sherwood. The Executive Board introduced themselves. All were in attendance except Secretary/Treasurer Stella Oluwasen-Apo. Ms. Sherwood explained the purpose and goals of the newly formed PA as a new initiative to create a sense of community and shared purpose.

A review of the PA's work over the summer included planning for the Back to School Picnic. The PA Executive Board answered questions and provided resources at the event.

Volunteers hosted the Senior Breakfast on the first day of school. Thanks to all of the parents that dropped off, prepared and served food in Bristol, PA prior to the seniors crossing the river.

New Parent Orientation Committee Chair, Catherine VanSciver was introduced and discussed the ongoing support provided to help new families. The committee will provide opportunities to be involved.

Amy Bent, Volunteer Coordinator, explained volunteer opportunities. The first opportunity will be parent volunteers to staff the Lower School library. SignUp Genius will be used to organize volunteers. It is preferred that all volunteer opportunities will go through her. She will be the point person for teachers/staff as well as for PA events.

Uniform Exchange - Gently used uniforms are available on the ground level under the stairwell in Rowan Hall. There are a variety of uniform pieces in all sizes. It is a self-serve setup at no cost or obligation to donate items in exchange. To donate items, please drop off clean items in good repair to Ms. Seib in the office. Volunteers will be needed to sort new items once a week.

Homecoming – Activities provided by the PA, in addition to the traditional events, will include pumpkin painting, an inflatable slide/obstacle course and a popcorn machine. Volunteers will be needed from 11 am-2 pm in 30 minute shifts.

Homecoming is primarily intended for current families, friends and alumni. It is not open to the community, but families are welcome to bring guests

Water is supplied by the school, but since it is a tailgating event, adults are welcome to bring their own beverages. All are welcome to eat at the food stations. There is no charge and you don't have to enter the contest to participate. Raffle baskets were suggested with Doane apparel and merchandises as door prizes. Kathleen Keays will look into it.

The need for more accessible spiritwear was introduced. Kassia Bukosky contacted the current vendor, BSN Sports, for a display at the Back to School Picnic, but it was not a workable option for the event. This will be investigated for a future meeting.

Doane's Dungeon will be held on Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28. The 11<sup>th</sup> grade sponsors refreshments, but the PA could host other activities like games or coloring while people are waiting. Decorators for the dining hall are also needed. Participating students' parents are asked to volunteer first, but other parents are welcome. Catherine and Amy will coordinate additional volunteers. A 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent may volunteer to dress as a pirate for a photo op. Costumes are optional.

A link for information on the Parents Association will be added to the website soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events:**

- Thursday, October 12 – 8:30 a.m. – Coffee with the Headmaster/Parents Association Meeting in the Dining Hall
- Saturday, October 14 – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Homecoming
- Tuesday, October 17 – 7 pm – Social media presentation and discussion with Devorah Heitner author of Screenwise: Helping Kids Thrive (and Survive) Their Digital World
- Friday, October 27 - Saturday, October 28 – Doane's Dungeon
- Tuesday, November 28 - 6:00 p.m.- Parents Association Meeting in the Greene Room