

Brooks 2025 Dry Grad Meeting Minutes

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December 3, 2024 - 7 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm, where 12 members total were in attendance.

Committee Members Present: Lindsay Carlos (Co-Chair), Amy Vizzutti (Co-Chair), Janelle Behan (Vice Chair), Ashley Johnson (Treasurer), Teresa Reimer (Secretary), Mayra Funes (Fundraising Committee), Melanie Lamden (Entertainment Committee)

Minutes of the meeting November 5th, 2024 were reviewed.

Motion to Approve made by: Amy Vizzutti

Seconded: Janelle Behan

APPROVED

Budget:

- Ashley Johnson updated on the account balance: \$7,419.13
- Signing authority has been given and access to the account. Online banking should be given shortly and it is confirmed that the dryprompr@gmail.com is the email linked to receive e-transfers. Ashley has access now to the email and the account.
- December 12th the Liability Insurance is due. We have yet to receive the invoice. As it is a requirement for the Society and events, Ashley will proceed to pay the invoice.
- We now have access to the Square for taking payments at specific events, such as gift wrapping.

Motion to Approve payment and budget by: Amy Vizzutti

Seconded: Lindsay Carlos

APPROVED

Old Business:

○ **Dry Grad Registration:**

■ Registration form to made - to be emailed out shortly. Form to include:

- Color, size and name options on the Dry Grad Hoodies
- Cost: \$200 to be paid via e-transfer & cash
- Incentive to register by January 31st, 2025, \$100 Fuel Card draw
- Fundraising volunteering options

○ **Fundraising Updates and Events:**

- **Gift Wrapping:** Rachele Pelly update:
 - **Town Centre Mall:** Sign up Link has been emailed out to Grads & Parents/Guardians twice by the school. It was agreed to put up posts on the Powell River Message Board and other social media for Grads and parents to signup.
 - **SPRINGTIME MARKET** asked to have Dry Grad do a gift wrapping table this weekend (Dec 7-8). Rachele is working on gathering people to help set up and man the table as she is unavailable. Mayra and others all offered to come set up and put announcements on Facebook.

- **Taco & Beer Night: Held Nov 21st @ Blue Agave** Mayra Funes Update: It was a great first night. Well attended for short notice. Next night planned is TBD
Tickets Sold: 76 tickets, Fundraising Total: \$1,052.00
- **Bottle Depot:** Account # 2346- Brooks dry grad 2025. Keep bringing your bottles to the depot! Bottle Drive planned for Jan 4th. Need to find Volunteers to help out. A post will be made on the PR Message Board.
- **PR Hospital Auxiliary :** Janelle Behan to Update: There were 11 people that helped out and took approximately 2.5 hours to complete. The Auxiliary has a cheque for \$500.00 the Dry Grad. The next time will likely be in February for when we need volunteers.
- **Safe Rides: Not Available.** Due to the lack of Volunteers coming forward for organizing and licensing issues, this Fundraiser will not be available.
- **Dinner En Blanc:** Teresa Reimer to present: A local Catering Company has offered to work with this event as they have held this function before in town. More of a high end scale. This would be held indoors at the school in March ideally. Another option is to have a more traditional picnic style of Dinner en Blanc, where people bring in their own food. This style could be held closer to the end of April/May outdoors.
Volunteers for both options will be needed for food prep, decor & table set up, etc.

It was discussed to hire the caterer option and do a more formal event in March.

- **Comedy Night:** Mayra Funes to Updated: The event will be held at Dwight Hall. Cost is \$910 for the rental, plus a \$500 damage deposit. Looking to keep ticket prices around \$65 each.

While looking into Comedians with more of a PG humor or not too “raunchy”, some have requests such as travel and accommodations to be included. Anyone have an Airbnb to offer up? Julie Kim is one option being discussed. Melissa who organized the last year comedians is assisting with some organizing. Dates are harder to nail down, they are either Feb 8 or March 1st. (** UPDATE* SINCE MEETING: New DATE OF APRIL 26th is being arranged*)

○ **Entertainment:** Melanie Lamden to Update

- **Activities that have been booked/reserved:**
The DJ has been booked and holds on equipment from Vancouver Partyworks have been placed. The quote from Vancouver Partyworks mentions accommodations. Melanie will be looking into that for clarification. Does it mean we have to put up the workers in a hotel?
- **Activities that need to be decided upon:**
 - A discussion was held with regards to the mechanical bull. It is pricey, is it worth it? It might be worth putting it on hold for now, and dropping something else. The discussion continues.
 - Still sourcing: Photo booth, Climbing Wall, Sports Games, Karaoke, Caricature Artist, Arcade games, driving range, game show ideas, etc. Melanie proposed some great inexpensive fun things to do, just needing to make sure we have volunteers to help run them during the night will be key.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Fundraiser - Wrestling event:** Big West Wrestling show being held December 7th & Thursday February 6th at the Max Cameron Theatre (Brooks Great Hall). Portion of Tickets to go to Dry Grad.

The event asked if Dry Grad would like to do a concession, it was agreed that there was not enough time to pull it off for this December event, however we can do one for the February event. We will also assist in sales of the tickets for the next event in February.

- 2. Escape Room Fundraiser:** Teresa Reimer to present:

Escape Room for groups, held at the high school. This would need some set design and scheduling. We could charge per person and schedule groups to go through. This could happen with approximately a cost of \$900 (\$300 for the plans for 2 escape rooms, plus about \$600 for set design). One plan for all ages and a second plan for Teens & +, . (Once Upon a Time & Cinema Hostage) This would need to be held after Spring Break, but we could charge \$25 per person to a max of 8-12 people per hour. (Minimum 4 people per hour per room). Combine it with maybe a games night to do outside of the scheduled group time, for people to socialize/hang out. We could hold it from 10 am - 10 pm.... Approx 10 groups on a Saturday, would give us \$2,000 - \$3,000 in the day. We could see if we could run it on a Friday night and Sunday as well. If it goes well, we could do it again. We would just have to store the set design.

It was discussed to purchase the 2 Escape Room plans for \$300.00. The Dry Grad could also use either of the set ups as an activity at the Dry Grad. It would be best to hold the fundraiser event in April. Teresa will coordinate the space with Brooks and gather volunteers for Set design, etc.

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7th, at 7pm in the Brooks Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm