

2006 SSFS AUCTION FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE

Please check the answer(s) that apply to you:

1. I attended the auction this year. (Skip to question 3.)
 I did not attend the auction this year, but have attended in previous years.
 I have never attended the auction.
2. What reason(s) do you have for not attending the auction? Please be specific.

3. If you did **not donate an item to the** 2006 auction, please skip to question 4. Otherwise, please check the answer(s) that apply to you:

- I do not worry about how much was bid for my donation.
- I feel that the bidding on my donation started too high.
- I feel that the bidding on my donation started too low.
- I know how much the high bid was on my item, and it was enough to justify my expenses.
- I know how much the high bid was on my item, and it was not enough to justify my expenses.

4. **This year we started bidding at 50% of the Fair Market Value for most items, with a 10% minimum raise.** Do you have any suggestions for setting opening bid or minimum raise amounts for future SSFS auctions? If yes, please give your specific ideas:

5. Indian Spring Country Club (ISCC) is scheduled to close at the end of 2006. Our long-standing relationship with ISCC enabled us to use their facility at a reduced cost relative to other banquet facilities in the area. Thus, we anticipate that the 2006 ticket price (\$60) will most likely increase next year when we move to a new location. Please choose the answer below which best matches your opinion about the ticket price and how it influences whether or not you attend the auction.

- The ticket price does not influence whether or not I attend the auction. I would attend, no matter what the cost, with the assurance that the auction committee will continue to make every effort to keep the ticket price as low as possible to cover expenses.
- The ticket price does not influence whether or not I attend the auction. I would **not** attend, no matter what the cost.
- The ticket price (\$60) is already too high. I cannot afford to attend at this price, but I would attend if the price did not exceed: \$_____/per person.
- The ticket price (\$60) is already too high. I still attended the auction, but I would be more comfortable if the price did not exceed: \$_____/per person.
- The ticket price (\$60) is fine, but I would not attend if it exceeded: \$_____.
- The ticket price (\$60) is too low. The ticket price should be part of the fund-raiser and should be increased to help raise more money for faculty recruitment, retention, and professional development; financial aid; and diversity outreach.
- I attend the auction free-of-charge because I am a faculty/staff member.

6. a. This year the Auction Committee provided a list of potential student babysitters for the night of the auction. A number of the babysitters on the list agreed to babysit in exchange for Community Service hours, rather than for money. This list appeared three times in the LS and MS Wednesday Bulletins in the weeks leading up to the auction. What is your opinion of the Auction Committee making these arrangements?

I think it was a good way to help reduce the costs of attending the auction.

I did not think this was a very good idea.

I was not aware of the babysitter list.

b. Did you use one of the babysitters from the list? _____

7. All SSFS faculty and staff members are invited to attend the auction as guests of the Parent Association. This year, 74 faculty/staff members attended the event, which cost the P.A. approximately \$4,400 in tickets. What is your opinion about this gift to the faculty and staff?

It should continue. This is a nice and well-deserved gift for the faculty and staff members.

Every one who attends should buy a ticket. While this is a nice and well-deserved gift, it is not a staff appreciation event. It is a fund-raiser.

To help defray some of the expenses, staff and faculty members should be asked to buy half-price tickets.

Any other comments or suggestions:

Please return this form to the LS or MS office, or place it in the "Auction" mailbox in the Leeds Room of Moore Hall. You can also mail this form to: *Auction Committee, SSFS, 16923 Norwood Rd., Sandy Spring, MD 20860.* THANK YOU!