

MINUTES OF THE SSFS PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING
Tuesday September 19, 2006
Westview Dining Room
8:30 am

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- **It was the sense of the Meeting to approve the 2006-2007 Budget.**
- **It was the sense of the Meeting to move forward with the 2007 Auction plan of “Two Occasions – One Event”.**
- **It was the sense of the Meeting to approve the April 19, 2006 PA minutes.**

Kathleen McKay, Clerk, called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone and briefly explained the Quaker practice of beginning and ending each meeting with a moment of silence. She offered the following query:

Live adventurously. When choices arise, do you take the way that offers the fullest opportunity for the use of your gifts in the service of your community? Let your life speak. When decisions have to be made, are you ready to join with others in seeking clearness, asking for guidance and offering counseling to one another?

This was followed by a moment of silence.

Treasurer’s Report, Karen Harris

- Total donation from the PA to the school for the 2005-2006 school year was \$95,933.
- Proposed budget for 2006-2007 was handed out and approved.
- Mailing costs have been lowered significantly because of more on-line communication with parents.
- Grocery Bonus Bucks Inflow for last school year was much higher than projected because the previous 2 years were received as one payment in the spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gift Wrap Sale, Terri Halle

- Going out in mail today
- Deadline extended to Oct. 13
- Prefer parents order on-line so order can be sent directly to home address
- For on-line order fill in school number **110607**
- Delivery is on Thanksgiving
- Gift wrap may be ordered online all year long

New Parents Committee, Gina Bean Linton

- A new committee with reps from each division
 - **Stephanie Kondis** - LS
 - **Gina McBean-Linton** - MS
 - **Carol Cober** - US
- Purpose is to encourage new parents to attend school functions and offer support
- Ideas? Call one of the above reps

Book Fair, Bonnie O’Donoghue

- To be held at Winterfest and again in spring 2007 from April 2 through April 6
- Volunteer sign-up sheet at meeting

Technology Update, Susan Taylor

- Reminder that PA webpage accessed through www.ssfs.org/parents/
- FriendsNet
 - A new project
 - A network of parents from each division
 - Purpose is to provide another opportunity for parents to share info (i.e. re: carpools, info on driving schools, etc.)
 - Developed a list of rules: “Netiquette”
 - Hoping to start in Oct. or Nov.
- Parent listservs
 - For each division
 - Sign up via the school website
 - Password is “quaker” (lower case letters)
 - Should receive confirmation when you sign –up

Diversity Committee, Nancy Adise

- **Sydney Jacobs & Ann Minardi** have stepped forward to chair this committee
- 1st meeting 9/25 at 2:30 PM

2007 Auction, Anna Rhee

- Theme this year: “Imagine”
- Proposal presented to change the format this year to “Two Occasions – One Event”
 - Sat. April 14: a family event with a silent auction and activities for kids
 - Fri. evening April 20: adults only
 - Details still need to be worked out
- Kick off meeting Friday Oct. 13
- Sign-up sheet at meeting to receive regular e-mail updates
- **It was the sense of the meeting to move forward with the “Two Occasion – One Event” idea.**

Grocery Store Receipts and Ink Recycling, Christy Stebbins

- Grocery Receipts
 - Easy to sign-up on-line through the PA website or can call Giant or Safeway and register by phone (Giant does send confirmation of registration)
 - Safeway: May ask cashier for “Rewards Certificate” and turn this in to assistants at each division
 - Last year this brought in \$3,900.
- Ink Recycling
 - Keep laser cartridges in original box when possible

Winterfest, Brooke Farquhar

- To be held on Saturday Dec. 2
- Laurel Chiat 9th grade parent is organizing parent volunteers
- Gloria Victor-Dorr to coordinate the craft portion of Winterfest; 100 vendors expected
- Students can be involved by setting up a booth as a class fundraiser or by volunteering for community service hours

Box Tops for Education, Jodi Leaser

- Many points of collection in the school
- Not just General Mills products; many other products (i.e. Ziploc, Nature Valley, Kleenex, Cottonelle)

Plant Sale, Susan Taylor spoke for Frankie Lydon

- Sale is next week 9/28 & 9/29
- Volunteers needed to go to the farms in the morning on 9/28 to pick up the plants and to help with sales

Parent Education, Nancy Adise spoke for Marla Zipin

- Scheduling speakers for this year
- Hoping to have Deborah Roffman, well-known sex educator come in early '07
- Open to other suggestions

Parent & Grandparent Art Show, Kathleen McKay spoke for Darya Oswald-Baloga

- Currently on exhibit in Yarnall

Vacancies, Nancy Adise

- **Coordinators still needed for the following committees:**
 - Community Service
 - Walk for the Homeless and Spaghetti Dinner already on the calendar
 - Post Prom
 - Mailing Coordinator
 - Responsible for getting mailings out (i.e. re: PA and the auction)
 - A good way to meet other parents and to keep abreast of what's going on
 - Snack Coordinator for Community Day
 - Valerie Fisher volunteered to coordinate this

PA Meeting for Worship, Susan Taylor

- One Thursday a month from 8:15 to 9:15 AM
- A time for introspection and reflection
- 1st Meeting for Worship Thursday 9/28
- All religious affiliations welcome

World Friends Committee, Barbara Gaffigan and Ellen Hartge

- Started 2 years ago
- WFC finds host families for international students (this year there are 35 ISP students at SSFS)
- Other ways SSFS families can get involved:
 - Sign-up to be an "on-call" family (i.e. if a student needs to get off campus for some reason or if dorm closes)
 - Attend the ISP potluck on Nov. 10
 - Participate, along with the ISP students, in the Annual Fannie Mae Walk for the Homeless in Wash D.C. on Sat. Nov. 18
- 1st meeting of the WFC is on Tuesday Oct. 10

Celebration of Science, Tassie Hanna

- March 9 & 10, 2007
- John Fuller (US faculty member) is part of the CoS team again this year
- Help needed with set up, clean up, making certificates & special exhibits

Learning Differences Committee, Kathleen McKay serving as liaison

- Meeting to be held Tuesday Oct. 26 at 8:15 AM in Westview
- E-mail address is ldc@ssfs.org

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Valerie Fisher & Barb Gaffigan

- Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Approval of Minutes for the April 19, 2006 PA Meeting, Eileen Hollander

- **It was the sense of the Meeting to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2006 PA Meeting.**

Announcements, Susan Taylor

- SSFS Spirit night is Tues. Oct. 3 from 5:30 – 10 PM at the Olney California Tortilla and Coldstone Creamery
- Tribute to Brooke Moore: Friday 9/29 from 8:30 – 9:30 AM
- Giant Gift Cards: Judy Wei coordinating again this year. Purchases may be one-time or ongoing. Four percent of the amount purchased goes to the school for landscaping

Moment of Silence

Kathleen closed the meeting with a moment of silence at 9:30 AM. She then invited all to browse around the open house for PA committees.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Hollander