

PA Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2013  
8:30-10:00am

Attendance: 17, representing 12/12 classes

- 1) There is no Board Report this month as the October board meeting is 10/14.
- 2) Finance Report- Kirana Rao has graciously agreed to take on the role of treasurer! We currently have \$6566 in the general PA account and \$2860 in the Scrip account. Income this month: \$810 from bulb sale, \$625 from Kroger and \$134 from Target. Expenses: \$50 in support of the Gerwin reception and \$100 in support of the vonThomsen family.
- 3) Grants
  - a) Meshewa- a request is in process for approx. \$500 for new flooring for the community room. It has been approved by Admin and College with a recommendation to get pricing prior to our vote (as it stands, the estimate is very soft). As to a Meshewa gift, Joni talked with Teri about the poor weathering of the planters/birdbath they chose. Teri is checking out other options. Leah has confirmed with Teri that we will be happy to provide money for plants in the meantime.
  - b) Vacuum Cleaners- Maria K submitted a grant for the purchase of 3 vacuum cleaners during this meeting. A quick vote was made to approve purchase of one at \$260, as there is a great need, with a plan to return to this topic at the next meeting.
- 4) Fundraising
  - a) Fall Bulb Sale- We made approx. \$810 from this sale. This compares favorably with last year: fall-\$933, spring-\$593. Only 25 families participated in this fundraiser.
  - b) Scrip Update- Leah and Keisha met last week. The program has lots of room to grow, especially with the ability to shop online, which has not been promoted. They plan to update information on the school website and talk with specific families about signing up; however, we are in need of a volunteer(s) who can spend time promoting this.
  - c) Kroger Update- Kroger's Community Rewards Program requires reenrollment yearly in April. Directions for enrolling are in every Inreach.
  - d) Magazine Sale- As no one has shown interest in organizing this, we have offered this fundraiser to the Foundations Study group in support of their tuition assistance.
  - e) BoxTops- Thanks to Amber Kasper, we are now collecting BoxTops and Labels for Education in community rooms at both campuses.
  - f) Joni Sherman offered to organize a Holiday Greens Fundraiser using one of her wholesalers. We agreed wholeheartedly to this, recognizing that we can also sell at Holiday Faire, and can supply our greenery for Holiday Faire and Wintergarden.
- 5) Hospitality Committee- Leah is currently the coordinator but is looking for a replacement. She has also noticed a decline in participation from her current baker list, who are asked to provide food/baked goods for specific events. There has been no response to a call out for volunteers from the last Inreach. It was suggested that each class enlist 2 volunteers willing to be part of a "Bakers Dozen", with the understanding that they will need to find a substitute if they are unable to contribute to a call out for food.
- 6) Events Review
  - a) Eugene Schwartz visit- Christine reported that there was a small group of parents who attended his talk. His time was limited by his work with faculty and an evening talk was not considered due to the proximity of the Doug Gerwin's visit. He will return in Jan/Feb and we could consider a talk at that time.
  - b) Michaelmas- Parents were positive about the experience this year, especially enjoying that the entire event was outside. There was discussion of difficulty hearing the play. Christine reports

that faculty is discussing having the audience sit on the hill, with the play performed in the bowl. The apple press was well-received and Christine is trying to negotiate a price to buy it. PA agreed to pay the \$125 rental; the asking price is \$625. This could be funded through a combination of PA and the school's Operating Budget.

- c) Gerwin talk/reception- The evening was well attended with over 60 attendees. Monetary donations were much less than the recommended \$5 per person. It is recommended that the donation box be placed in a more visible spot.

#### 7) Upcoming/Ongoing Events

- a) Open House – 11/9 We hope to have strong school support, with volunteers for tour guides and hospitality. With the write up in the Town Crier, we may be seeing the Mariemont community attending. There is discussion about possibly having a ribbon cutting ceremony and inviting the mayor.
- b) Craft Guild Update – Per Angie, Craft Guild will now be meeting on Friday mornings and everyone is invited regardless of experience. They will be working on winter-themed items for sale at Holiday Faire. It was recommended that Craft Guild meet at a regular time (maybe once/month) at the Meshewa campus, encouraging attendance by parents of Woodland Preschoolers.
- c) Fall Rummage Sale – Per Christine, Angelia is ready for the event once the date is set. After discussing various options, it was decided to hold the sale 10/30-11/1 (W-F) in the Community Room. Parent-Teacher conferences are that Th-Fr, so lots of parent traffic and less child traffic.
- d) Parent Education/Study Group
  - i) Foundations Study support – A minimum of \$3000 needs to be raised this year for Foundations Study, a group of parents and teachers attending a 2 year anthroposophical course which will benefit the entire community. PA will support their fundraising efforts in various ways. We discussed the possibility of providing a dinner (soup and bread?) for the next evening talk (Torin Finser on Nov 15) with all proceeds benefitting the Study. Mary is also encouraging us to offer topics we would like to see addressed by the various speakers. One topic offered was “dealing with disrespect from children resulting from media exposure” (or something like that!)
- e) Holiday Faire Update- 12/6-7 Kelly and Lisa have not had an opportunity to meet yet but do have a floor plan of the school. They will get together with Luke S to discuss layout for vendors and determine how many we can support in our new space. It is recommended that they be very selective in vendors they solicit due to the limited space. In addition, we need to ask vendors to supply their own tables. Lisa has found a photographer who will take holiday themed photos.
- f) Wintergarden- Grade 6/Snack Shack is planning to host the Wintergarden reception. PA has offered to assist as needed.
- g) Gala – 3/22 We welcome Roger Rose as this year's Gala chair! He is in process of setting up an Executive Board. He passed a signup sheet for volunteers willing to be help with this event.