

GREENLEAF FRIENDS ACADEMY
Parent Teacher Fellowship
Minutes of Meeting held November 3, 2008

In Attendance

PTF Leads

Jeanie Hetrick
Connie Aebischer
Jeanne Maloney

Parents

JoAnn Behrends
Becky Stephens
Debbie Swanson

Staff

Deb Childs
Steve Magee

The meeting opened with prayer led by Jeanie Hetrick

- I. Debbie Swanson attended the October Board meeting and provided the following summary:
1. Finance Committee reported that an independent firm would conduct an audit review.
 2. The school has a deficit of \$31,700 for the 2008/09 school year. Ideas are being formulated to reduce this deficit. It was noted that during the past three years the school had a balanced budget.
 3. The Endowment Committee will name contributions that are greater than \$10,000. These will be brought before the board for approval.
 4. Superintendent's Report:
 - Non-essential maintenance work is being put on hold.
 - The Special Needs Program is going well and a radio blitz is being planned for the near future.
 - A parent has volunteered to help with researching grants
 - GFA will have a Birthday Bash on Monday, November 10th – in celebration of the school's 100 years.
 5. Gary Brown and the board will discuss what the Superintendent's focus should be.
 6. The board will have formal training on strategic planning in January or February.
 7. A staff appreciation dinner is planned for 1/24/09.
- II. PTF Updates – follow up from the September meeting:
1. If parents attend the PTF meetings, they can use one hour from the meeting towards their service hours.
 2. The PTF considered selling the GFA Centennial shirts as a fundraiser, but the shirts are being sold during the Auction at the Spirit Booth. Becky Stephens suggested that the PTF sell used uniforms as a source of raising funds for the PTF. **Action:** Jeanie will speak to Mr. Sheldon about this.
 3. The GFA website will have a link to a new Prayer Circle that will include the school's Chapel Services Schedule/Topic, the Virtue/Scripture of the Month and Prayer Requests. We hope to have this completed by January.
 4. A review of the PTF By-laws was conducted and agreed upon with team members. A copy will be placed on the PTF website.
- III. New Business
1. JoAnn Behrends provided an update on the Auction. Friday evening will begin the Auction with 100 candles to auction. Still a lot of work being done in the last week before the auction, but it's coming together. JoAnn also mentioned that there's an opportunity for someone to lead GFA's Spring Garden Bazaar. The date is expected to be the last weekend in April 2009. JoAnn is looking for volunteers and said that it could be Co-chaired as well. A suggestion was made that the Ensemble could perform as entertainment during this event. JoAnn will NOT be chairing the Spring Bazaar. If you are interested in taking this on, please contact Mr. Sheldon.

2. Nominations for the 2008-09 PTF Team were uncontested. This years PTF Leadership is as follows:

President:	Jeanie Hetrick
Co-President	Open
Spiritual Team Lead	April Sheets
Volunteer Team Lead	Connie Aebischer
Encouragement Team Lead	Monette Glenn
Communication Team Lead	Jeanne Maloney

All PTF Team members are looking for others to co-chair each position. If anyone is interested, please contact the PTF Team Members (see the school directory for phone numbers).

Upcoming PTF Events

Next PTF meeting will be held on Monday, December 1st at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria.
Next Family Workday will be held on Saturday, December 13th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.