

GREENLEAF FRIENDS ACADEMY
Parent Teacher Fellowship
Minutes of Meeting held February 2, 2009

In Attendance

PTF Leads

Jeanie Hetrick
Monette Glenn
Jeanne Maloney

Parents

Brenda Butler
Amy DeHogue
Teri Hungate
Debbie Swanson


Teachers

Deb Childs

The meeting opened with prayer led by Debbie Swanson.

I. Jeanie Hetrick attended the January Board meeting and provided the following summary::

- Board member, John Runkel suffered a heart attack and is currently preparing for open heart surgery. Please keep John in your prayers.
- John Ehrlich opened the meeting with devotions on 23 Psalms
- Future closed board meetings will be conducted by subject matter. Meetings will continue to be held at 5:30 PM with the closed meetings at the end.
- New GFA tuition rates were discussed. A 2% increase in tuition for the 2009/2010 school year Middle and High School students. The primary cause is due to an anticipated 20-25% increase in insurance rates. Transportation will increase \$5.00/month, however, no gas surcharge will be added as the gas prices have gone down.
- The budget is off by approximately \$11,000. There are three exchange students this year and two new families at GFA. The \$11K shortfall does not include these five enrollments. Overall this years enrollment is slightly lower than expected. The end of the year annual giving fund made \$30,000, and this supported the budget shortfall very well.
- The Endowment/Investment Fund made \$30,000 in interest. The goal is \$1.3 Million and we are coming to the end of the 3-year fundraising effort. The overall goal currently has \$930,637 (72% of the 3-year goal), and the Endowment Fund has \$635,217 (64% of the goal). GFA has submitted a donation request letter to Albertson's seeking a sizable contribution to help meet our goal.
- Superintendent's Report: The Elementary School dress code was discussed concerning the new "Friday Jean Day". Mr. Sheldon said some of the teachers had made the request and he agreed. In addition, it was requested that the dress code be reviewed for the Middle and High School student's. Gary Brown said that an Ad Hoc Committee should be formed to survey the Middle and High School and to evaluate plans for next year. If parents would like to participate on the Ad Hoc Committee, please contact Gary Brown and Ken Sheldon.
- Next GFA Board Meeting/Pot Luck will be on Friday, February 27th at 7:00 PM.
- Board Training will be held on Saturday, February 28th.
- Jeanie Hetrick commented on the Board Meeting's agenda. The agenda is too generic. Specific topics or issues to be discussed (like uniforms) are not on the agenda. It is difficult for parents/teachers to be aware of what is actually being discussed during a Board meeting if it is not included on the agenda. People need to have an opportunity to attend and voice their concerns. Good communication leads to better acceptance. Gary Brown was going to look into posting the agenda on the web page.
- Char Crusta is back in town and reminded the Board of where she had left things re: grant writing. Char's advice is to gather demographic data before writing your grant.
- The Bylaws are being reviewed.

2. PTF Updates: The following will be discussed with Mr. Sheldon:
 - Plans for Middle/High School Uniforms: see board notes above.
 - Discussion of an ASB link to be added to the GFA webpage- will follow up with Mr. Hudgens and Mr. Sheldon.
 - A parent questioned the sports photos on GFA's website and whether the photos are being approved before being added to the website. As the school grows, so will the information that is added to GFA's website. It is suggested that GFA should be proactive in it's screening of website information. Jeanie Hetrick will discuss with Mr. Sheldon.
 - Status of the Academic Affairs research into the Jr. High Math Curriculum.
3. Encouragement Team:
 - February and March birthdays have been assigned.
 - Preparations for this year's Teacher Appreciation week will be discussed at the next PTF meeting.
4. Volunteer Team:
 - **Next family workday is Valentine's Day** (Sat., Feb. 14th) beginning at 9:00 AM. Chocolates will be provided to everyone who participates on this day. 
 - Volunteer projects on GFA's website need updating.
5. Spiritual Team:
 - Prayer Circle information (Monthly Virtue and Scripture and the Chapel schedule) will be added in March to the GFA website.
6. New Business:
 - Connie Aebischer announced her removal from the PTF Team. If anyone would like to serve as a PTF Team Lead, please contact Jeanie Hetrick or any of the PTF Team.
 - The Greenleaf Home & Garden Fair will be held on April 17-18, 2009. Volunteers are still needed, please contact JoAnn to discuss ways you can get involved.
 - Mrs. Haskett's room??
 - Military support for GFA's current or alumni??

Upcoming PTF Events

- Next PTF meeting will be held on Monday, **March 2, 2009** at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria.