

Friends of Thorp Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2012

Home of Bindu Alexander

Attendees: FOT board members

- I. The meeting began with the Treasurer's report. Joe Basilone reported an ending balance of \$4966.55.
 - a. The 50-50 raffle raised \$818. The winner was a fourth grader named, Tamika.
 - b. The Here We Grow campaign has received \$899 in cash and check donations
 - c. The Holiday Extravaganza raised approximately \$1500.
 - d. He reported that our new credit card reader, "square", was very effective for us
 - e. Katie mentioned our annual website fee
 - f. Anu discussed some difficulties with credit card processing through PayPal

- II. Katie gave us a wrap-up on the Tree Sale. It was a big success and was an impressive first effort toward an annual event. We sold 26 trees, 25 wreaths, 10 garlands and several bundles of greenery.
 - a. We agreed to move the sale one week earlier, first weekend after Thanksgiving weekend. Katie will contact Farmer's Market Garden Center
 - b. Need more wreaths and medium sized trees
 - c. Need to advertise trees by cost/foot
 - d. Need for a tent/tarp next year
 - e. Need to change the layout of our set up
 - f. Tammy highlighted that the 8th graders exceeded their expectations by raising \$140

- III. Tammy discussed the 8th grade need for a parent volunteer to help them organize their fundraising toward graduation. We have agreed to continue giving the 8th graders space at our events to sell their selected items and to volunteer.

- IV. Lisa Weisenberger updated us with playground details. We will meet with Urban Habitat next week on the 18th to discuss our plans for the public planning and brainstorming event to be held at Thorp on January 26-27, 2013.
 - a. We discussed "Here We Grow" campaign plans and ways to acknowledge donors
 - b. We discussed the importance of selling bricks as part of the fundraising

The meeting was adjourned