

## Friends of Thorp Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2012

Home of Katie Madden

### Attendees:

**Board members: Bindu Alexander, Maria Bratt, Elaine Brennan, Leslie Grimm, Katie Madden, Laura Martinelli, Colleen O'Toole, Anastasia Roilou, Michael Shelton, Lisa Weisenberger, Tammy Woods**

**Others in attendance: Veronica Bedoya, Elise Duffy, Janelle Reilly, Yesenia Gall**

- I. The meeting began with the Treasurer's report. Mike Shelton reported in the absence of Joe Basilone. Our balance is \$5,084.65
- II. Taste of Thorp:
  - A. We set ticket prices at \$40/person advanced purchase and \$45/person at the door. Teachers and staff are going to be at a substantially reduced rate (probably not free).
  - B. We discussed the generous wine donation of Cream Wine. They are donating three cases of red wine and two cases of white wine. We will sell glasses of wine at five dollars apiece. Additionally, we will sell prepaid punch cards at \$25 for 6 glasses of wine. Depending on ticket sales, we may purchase an additional case of wine.
  - C. We discussed the status of our silent auction solicitations. Things are going well but we are seeking larger donations.
  - D. We are considering using a live auctioneer. Bindu met with one and he suggested that we seek things that are memorable, experiences that are not typical. If any of our membership has access to something like a restaurant chef – we are looking for chef for a day experiences. We are also seeking signed sports memorabilia, backstage access at area theaters, vacation homes. Final decisions on the auctioneer are pending. The live auctioneer would cost about \$1000.
  - E. We discussed advertising in general. We will use banners, Facebook, Everyblock, the FOT and Thorp websites, flyers and invitations. Leslie will replicate the Google doc that we used for tree sales.
  - F. We are working on invitations
  - G. We plan to have a donation box for one portion of the playground, like a slide.
  - H. We discussed budget. Things that potentially cost money are: banners, advertisements and printing, live auctioneer, decorations, Biagio. We are hoping to receive donated flowers – Joe is looking into it. Possible fabric donation from local bridal shop?
  - I. Classroom donations: please contact your teachers to ensure that they are working on something. Teachers need to be proactive by telling their parents about what they're class donated, thus encouraging attendance.
  - J. Taste of Thorp committees:
    1. Ticket Sales, money, PayPal, credit card processing, auction numbers: Anu and Joe.

2. Invitation, fliers: Katie and Laura
3. Silent Auction Process: Bindu and Leslie
4. Volunteer Scheduling: Tammy Woods
5. Event Brochure: Laura, Lisa, Katie
6. Ad Sales: Laura, with help of the entire board
7. Food Solicitation, including labels with ingredients: Mike, Dennis Gragert and Veronica Bedoya
8. Food Reception at Biagio: Leslie
9. Decorations, Name Tags, and Presentation of Auction Items: Maria and Elaine
10. Sound/music - Anu?
11. Thank you plans/recognition on website – Lisa?

- III. Playground Committee: Lisa updated us on playground plans.
- A. There will be a meeting with Urban Habitat and the LSC next Tuesday.
  - B. The Clorox grant's have not been announced yet
  - C. We have received a great response to our survey request
  - D. Saturday, January 26: Community Charrette for the Thorp Campus Park
    1. It will begin at 9:45 AM with brief comments from Mr. Toledo and Lisa Weisenberger.
    2. Urban habitat will present to the community.
    3. Our families and community members will break out into small focus groups, discussing priorities, drawing plans and using stickers to create layouts.
    4. At the end of this morning session, the 20 designers from Urban Habitat will work together to create a plan for both sides of the building.
    5. 2:30 PM Urban Habitat will meet with board members of Friends of Thorp to suggest a Thorp Campus Park Plan. We will discuss their plans and hopefully approve their long-term vision for our school.
    6. Sunday, January 27: Urban Habitat will present final plans to our school.
- IV. Thorpapalooza
- A. Colleen will try to Martyrs for April 21.
  - B. We discussed increasing the cost of tickets.
- V. Other business
- A. Tree Sale slated for Saturday, the first weekend in December 2013
  - B. Irv and Shelly's Fresh Pics: possible fundraiser, tabled until next meeting

Meeting was adjourned