

Friends of Thorp Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2015

Call to order: A board meeting for Friends of Thorp was held at Kim Patchak's home. The meeting convened at 6:30pm, Kristin Garcia, secretary taking notes.

Board Attendees: Joe Basilone, Joan Dahlquist, Kristin Garcia, Marian Haas, Colleen O'Toole, Kim Patchak, Janelle Reilly, Chris Robison, Marian Haas and Lisa Weisenberger.

Guest: Mr. Efren Toledo, Principal of OA Thorp Scholastic Academy

- I. President Lisa Weisenberger motioned to approve the July minutes as presented. Mr. Chris Robison seconded; the motion passed.

- II. President's Report: The President's report was presented by Ms. Lisa Weisenberger:
 - a. Ms. Weisenberger welcomed Mr. Toledo to apprise the group related to the Openlands grant and auditorium enhancements.
 - b. Openlands Grant Update:
 1. Principal Toledo relayed the grant will invigorate the school community and will result in more green space on campus.
 2. The overall campus plan will need to be revisited and the project scoped out.
 - Learning classroom(s); will necessitate a care plan for breaks/vacations.
 - Director Joan Dahlquist to inquire with Kilbourne Park related to help with horticulture plan.
 3. Ms. Weisenberger/ Friends of Thorp will need to re-apply to receive grant funding.
 4. Co-Treasurer Chris Robison inquired as to restrictions of the grant.
 - Mr. Toledo clarified the grant is for asphalt removal and water reclamation for the Thorp campus.
 - c. Auditorium enhancements update:
 1. President Ms. Weisenberger inquired about bids for auditorium projects.
 - Mr. Toledo shared he is still waiting on quotes for sound enhancements and will forward on to President Weisenberger when received.
 - d. Projects to Fundraise for 2015/2016
 1. Mr. Toledo suggested projects related to academic infrastructure enhancements and to engage Thorp faculty for ideas.
 2. Director Ms. Marian Haas suggested framing out fundraising efforts for interior and exterior projects.
 - e. Fall Friends of Thorp events:
 1. Saturday September 12: Back TO School Play Date: 9am-11am at Thorp.
 - President Ms. Weisenberger will send out a VolunteerSpot.
 - Treasurer Mr. Joe Basilone will provide coffee and pastries
 - Directors will bring side walk chalk; snacks; outdoor games.
 2. Saturday October 17, 2015: Walk A Thon/Trick or Trot
 - At Thorp and may integrate elements of Fall Fest:
 - Class pumpkins: May use Bidding For Good
 3. November 9 or November 15, 2015: Pub Quiz
 - Need to decide on date and venue
 4. TBD: WinterFest
 - Look at revenue and expenditures and determine to hold this event for 2015

III. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Joe Basilone, Co-Treasurer, apprised the group related to revenue and expenditures for August 2015.
- b. For transparency, the Friends of Thorp will engage in a peer review audit:
 1. Co- Treasurer Mr. Chris Robison described the process as he participated in for the peer review audit for the Thorp PTA.
 2. Secretary Kristin Garcia volunteered to assist in the peer review.
 3. A report should be given and filed quarterly.

IV. Next meeting/Agenda

- a. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday September 15, 2015 at Thorp Academy.
- b. Agenda items will include:
 - Confirm Fundraising events for fall/winter

Ms. Weisenberger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm on August 18, 2015. Joan Dahlquist seconded.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Kristin Garcia