

Friends of Thorp Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2012

Shelton Home

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

The goal of the meeting was to clarify plans and dates for the school year (items we did not have time to cover at our original Oct. 11 meeting).

I. Events and Upcoming Activities

A. Report Card Pickup - November 13

1. There is no school that day so Friends of Thorp will have a table with flyers and a 50-50 raffle.
2. The hours are TBA – noon until 6 PM?
3. Mike will make the arrangements for the table and purchase raffle tickets.

B. Family movie at the Patio Theater

1. Date TBA.
2. This event has been postponed until the installation of the new digital projector.
3. Joe found out on 10/19 that the projector will be delivered the weekend of 11/3. Should we do this before the holidays or wait until the new year?

C. Tree sales – Katie Madden and Tammy Woods.

1. December 8, 10 AM – 2 PM, plus set up and strike.
2. We will use the teacher parking lot and set up a loading zone on Austin (do we need to get permission from the city if we are blocking part of the street?).
3. See minutes from the October 11 meeting for more details. Katie and Tammy are the point people on this.

D. Parents' night out

1. Date TBA
2. Location - Chief O'Neill's (Laura will check on dates and cost – last time it was free with a cash bar).
3. Tickets - pre-sale price will be \$25/\$40 per individual/couple. Price at the door will be \$30/\$50 per individual/couple.
4. We will have a nice raffle item (Bindu and Leslie) and a possible *white elephant basket* door prize.

E. Degerberg deal – delayed till January

F. Taste of Thorp

1. March 1, 2013
2. All materials are ready to go for silent auction solicitations.

G. Thorpapalooza

1. Date April 21?
2. Location TBA (Colleen and Anu are working on it)

II. Fundraising

A. Library Media Center

1. Mr. Toledo has set specific goals for the end of October
2. Phase 1: Volunteers are working each day at 2PM to remove items and shelving from the library. Tammy Woods is spearheading this work.

B. Playground

1. Urban Habitat will come out to see/measure the school on October 30 (Lisa Bindu are working with them).

C. Appeal/Fundraising

1. Katie's appeal letter was approved by the members in attendance
2. We will translate the letter into Polish and Spanish
3. The letter is currently with Mr. Toledo for approval
4. We discussed the need for a long-term vision and goals for friends of Thorp.
5. Maria suggested we write a vision statement and come up with a general template to be used when completing grant forms.
6. We'll need to collaborate with Mr. Toledo. Mike will set up a meeting with Mr. Toledo, Maria and Katie to discuss.

D. Grants

1. We need to get a grants committee together
2. Bindu is working on a Google doc for grants and foundations so we can keep track of what's available and what we've done.
3. Colleen is looking into grants for a garden (Whole Kids Foundation)

E. Dannon Rally for Recess

1. Tammy suggested sending out a second flier asking students to bring the codes in to their classrooms to be entered by volunteers (us?)
2. There could then be a prize for whoever brings in the most or whoever hits a certain percentage participation.
3. Mr. Toledo has OK'd this idea (10/24) so Katie will work w/Tammy on a flier.

III. Miscellaneous

A. All dates must go to the Friends of Thorp calendar and to Mr. Toledo for the Thorp calendar.

B. We have started a Google document listing the Thorp Board and its various committee chairs. We hope to move this to our website soon.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 8th - place TBD (I think Central Kitchen & Tap)