

Minutes of Friends of Thorp
Meeting Date: 3/13/2014

Call to order: A board meeting for the Friends of Thorp, was held in the home of Bindu Alexander on March 13, 2014. The meeting convened at 6:50, President Katie Madden presiding, and Janelle Reilly, secretary.

Board Members Attending: Bindu Alexander, Burcu Agar, Colleen O'Toole, Janelle Reilly, Joe Basilone, Katie Madden, Leslie Grimm, Marian Haas, and Jodi Guidi.

Others in attendance: Tammy Woods

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Katie Madden, to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Leslie seconded.

Officer's Report:

Treasurer's Report:

- A. Joe presented the Treasurer's report for February. The beginning balance was \$49,163.10
- B. Receipts were \$2,225.00 from the following:
 - Check Donations: \$135
 - Brick Campaign: \$350.00
 - Admission Tickets: \$755.00
 - Drink Tickets: \$25.00
 - Donation Match Donation: \$750.00
 - Misc. Receipts: \$90.00
 - Craft Table: \$120.00
- C. Total Disbursements were \$2,123.73 from the following:
 - Biaggio: \$1,000
 - Other Costs: \$1,000 (Temporary bank for TOT)
 - Paypal fees: \$21.73
 - Bank Service Charge for returned check \$102.00
- D. Ending balance is \$49,264.37. (Totals from TOT have not been reported officially).
- E. Parent coffees will be reimbursed.

President's Report:

- A. Katie announced that she will be stepping down as President for the next term. The President's position will be open. Only current Board members are eligible to be President.
- B. A discussion ensued in regards to the workload of the committees and how to encourage more involvement from Thorp parents.
- C. Going forward, potential new members to the Board will be required to attend a set amount of meetings (TBD) before they are asked to join.
- D. Board elections will be held in May.

Committee's Reports:

Special Events Report

Taste of Thorp, February 28th.

- A. Bindu reported that the auction items raised about \$4,000 less than last year.
- B. Bindu suggested online auction site for items for next year.
- C. Bindu reviewed that some people were not happy with the limited seating.
- D. Bindu reported the dessert table was a distraction during the live auction, as well as people wandering looking at the silent auction.

- E. Janelle raised that the event site should perhaps sponsor food unless more help is utilized in requesting donations.
- F. Bindu will be sending out an e-mail to use for acknowledgements for contributors.

PTA Spring Event, May 3rd

- A. Friends of Thorp will be selling flowers at the PTA fundraiser on Saturday, May 3rd, from 11-3pm.
- B. Bindu reported that FOT will buy flowers from a box store versus using the Garden Center.

Fundraising

- A. Janelle reported that the Gale Street Fundraiser is Wednesday, April 23rd.
- B. Soliciting for bricks sponsors is on hold until we are closer to the playground installation.
 - 1. A discussion ensued about using cloth ribbons with names until bricks can be installed.
- C. Katie presented the Pennies for Playground at the LSC meeting. It will be voted on next month's meeting.

Playground:

- A. Playground progression was discussed.
- B. CPS is stating the entire playground needs to happen at once verses in stages. Lisa Weisenburger will Research and determine the rough costs for each step of the playground process.

Janelle raised that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00. Katie seconded. .

Janelle Reilly
Secretary

Date of Approval