

Friends of Thorp Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2013

Home of Katie Madden

Board Attendees: Joe Basilone, Bindu Alexander, Colleen O'Toole, Marian Haas, Janelle Reilly, Elise Duffy, Lisa Weisenburger, Anu Dewan, Elaine Brennan, Elise Duffy, Burcu Agar, Katie Madden and Michael Shelton

Others in attendance: Mr. Toledo, Melissa Wilkin, Kristin Garcia, Julieann Coyne, Mary Nespoux, Lucy Shair, Cam Twohey, Tammy Woods, Jody Guidi and Amanda Roche

- I. Mr. Toledo's Report:
 - A. Mr. Toledo reported that the school is purchasing chrome books for the 6th to 8th grade levels.
 - B. He also reported that Thorp has received funding from the Innovational Education Network. The program will start with the 7th grade accelerated math group creating a video as they solve a challenging math problem. They will create an app. The School has hired Katie Daye from Learn Zillion to oversee the project.
 - C. After school programs will start in October.
 - D. The LED Sign has been put on hold until further notice.
- II. President's Report:
 - A. Katie reviewed the Code of Conduct for Friends of Thorp. Board members were asked to sign. Some key points of the discussion were to stay on point, respect others and to let the committees do the work.
 - B. It was also decided that the last month's minutes would be approved going forward.
- III. Treasurer's Report:
 - A. Balance of \$42,375.21. Total Receipts = \$1,076. Total Receipts for the month = \$1,076. Total disbursements = \$17.33. Final total is \$43,375
 - B. Joe will transfer funds from Paypal to the FOT account on a monthly basis.
 - C. Joe is looking into the raffle license as well as event insurance coverage.
 - D. Lucy Shair has not yet performed the audit but is working with Joe to get started.
- IV. Special Events:
 - A. Janelle Reilly discussed the Pub Quiz Challenge for September, 22 at Galvin's at 3:30-6 pm.
 1. So far 22 people have signed up.
 2. \$15.00 includes "1" 50/50 raffle ticket, light appetizers and entrance fee.
 3. Teams will comprise of 6 people. Football names will designate teams.
 4. Winning team will receive \$15.00 each, and 1 drink.
 5. There will be second place (pending) and a third place prize.
 6. 50/50 raffle will also be drawn.
 7. Discussed that volunteers were needed to help.
 8. Anu Dewan will be the emcee for the event.
 - B. Bindu went over the Fall Festival Event, October 12, 10-2pm at Thorp.
 1. Attractions include: train, full throttle cars, and a petting zoo (pending approval).
 2. We will obtain mums and pumpkins to be sold from Farmer's Market.
 3. Food and games will also be provided.
 - C. Bindu also presented the Taste of Thorp. The tentative date is February 28. Poretta's was explored as another possible venue. At this time, the group still feels that Biaggio is the best venue.

V. Communications

- A. Burcu stated that she has updated the FOT website and the FOT Facebook page. She is open to any feedback.
- B. Katie mentioned that the Communications committee will be meeting to further develop communication possibilities.
- C. Amanda Roche will work on FB pages with Burcu

VI. Fundraisers:

- A. FOT is waiting for the LSC to approve the brick campaign for the playground. They will vote at next month's meeting.
 - 1. Standard brick size will be \$50. 8 x 8 Family will be \$100. 8 x 8 business will be \$250.
 - 2. Visit www.polarengraving.com to look at brick.
- B. The fundinco.com account is open, 3% of Amazon purchases would benefit the school. Use their link to earn dollars for our school when you order from Amazon.
- C. The Degerberg Academy has offered \$100.00 to FOT (during a designated month) when any new student signs up for a year membership. The group decided to accept their offer. They will still give \$69.00 to FOT, when any new student signs up for a 6 week course at Degerberg as well.

VII. School/Community:

- A. Marian updated the group on the status of the Room Parent effort.
 - 1. The following rooms are missing a room parent:
 - a. 206 (3rd)
 - b. 202 & 203 (4th)
 - c. 309 (308 & 310 has one but volunteer is for another classroom as well)(6th)
 - d. 303,304,& 307 (7th)
 - e. 305 & 306 (8th)
- B. We will resend the Buddy Family Flier to kindergarten families.

VIII. Playground:

- A. Lisa presented that FOT has applied for a large and a small grant with Kaboom. We have made it to the interview stage.
- B. Mr. Toledo has asked that FOT spend money on planters for the playground. He felt in doing so, the community would see progress in the playground endeavor. The board voted not to purchase the planters at this time. It was determined that we would save our funds for the time being.

IV. The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 10th.