

## Friends of Thorp Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2015

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

Board Attendees: Joan Dahlquist, Kristin Garcia, Colleen O'Toole , Kim Patchak, Chris Robison, and Lisa Weisenberger.

- I. President Lisa Weisenberger motioned to approve the June minutes as amended: To include Joan Dahlquist as a director. Kim Patchak seconded; the motion passed.
  
- II. President's Report: The President's report was presented by Ms. Lisa Weisenberger:
  - a. Secretary Kristin Garcia provided a verbal recap of the July 13, 2015 Thorp Local School Council (LSC) meeting.
  - b. Auditorium Improvements Update:
    1. Principal Toledo continues to receive quotes related to audio/visual system updates for the auditorium.
    2. Based on the bids received for repairs, Mr. Toledo will engage the Friends of Thorp related to costs, timelines, etc.,
  - c. The directors reviewed the survey results sent to Thorp families related to fundraising activities/initiatives. The consensus was to investigate fundraising for after school programs (Chicago Children's Choir) as well as potential venues to hold Friends of Thorp meetings.
  - d. Thorp received an Openlands grant resultant from a 2013 grant submitted by then director now current president, Ms. Weisenberger.
    1. Mr. Toledo and Friends of Thorp will revisit the master plan for the campus as well as engage Urban Habitat; the goal is to create more green space and potentially a learning classroom.
  - e. The proposed fall Friends of Thorp events/representation/ fundraising calendar is:
    1. Wednesday September 2: Open House Night for grades 4-8
    2. Thursday September 3: Kindergarten Orientation and Open House Night for grades K-3 open house
    3. Saturday September 12: New Parent Meet Up-Playdate at Thorp Playground (9am 11am or 10am-12pm)
    4. Saturday October 17: Walk A Thon/Fall Fest Event
    5. Pub Quiz: Sunday November 8 or November 15
  
- III. Committee Updates:
  - a. The board agreed to the committee structure for 2015:
    - Communications
    - Recruitment (to include room parent program)
    - Events
    - Finance
  
- IV. The Treasurer's report will be presented at the August meeting.

V. Next meeting/Agenda

- a. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 12, 2015; venue to be determined.
- b. Agenda items will include:
  - Taste of Thorp: Place/Date/Structure
  - Appeal Letter
  - Confirm Fundraising events for fall 2015
  - Discuss fundraising ideas: Gold outing; bag sale (check with PTA); challenge grants

Ms. Weisenberger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm on July 23, 2015. Joan Dahlquist seconded.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Kristin Garcia