

Friends of Thorp September 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Bindu Alexander's House

Attendees: Katie Madden, Colleen O'Toole, Tammy Woods, Janelle Reilly, Laura Martinelli, Lisa Weisenberger, Maria Bratt, Elise Duffy, Anu Dewan, Bindu Alexander and Anastasia Roilou

- I. Katie recapped her meeting with Mr. Toledo, Mary Baumeister and Laura Muncy.
 - A. Brief overview of his goals and priorities for the school
 - B. Discussed his views on a playground
 1. Bindu and Lisa have been researching avenues for obtaining a playground (Kaboom etc.). Lisa will set up a time to talk to Mr. Toledo about whether we should proceed with our investigations.
 - C. Anu mentioned that Dr. Chipain has some experience in fundraising. We will invite him to our next meeting to hear his ideas. Anu has extended an invitation.

- II. Treasurer's Report – in Joe's absence, Anu gave the treasurer's report
 - A. We began this year with \$11,179.08 in our account and our current balance is \$2,659.08 (this is after the purchase of the microscopes and water fountains).
 - B. Mr. Toledo has been given the \$6,000 check for the new water fountains. They will be installed shortly.
 - C. We need to get Joe's name on the account at the bank. Joe, Mike (as President) and Leslie (as Secretary) will need to be present. We also need to get Dennis' name off the account. Need Mike to talk to Dennis.

- III. Pledge Drive for Library Renovation
 - A. Maria had some valid concerns and questions about the library renovation (how accessible will it be for students, how will materials be checked-out etc.)
 - B. We also need more details from Mr. Toledo on what will be done (expansion of space, reorganization, addition of computers etc.)
 - C. Maria will talk to Mr. Toledo and work on getting answers to the above questions (she will also ask about drawings/plans – who is designing the library, are there any sketches available?)
 - D. We will invite Mr. Toledo to the next meeting to give us all an overview so we can vote on the library as our fundraising goal for the year. Anu has extended an invitation.
 - E. The letter and fundraising graphic (thermometer) are on hold until we have more details.

- IV. LSC Meeting on Sept. 20
 - A. Michael can attend meeting and present plans for approval.
 - B. Fundraising priorities - Since we have not yet voted on our plans for the library funding, we will state that we are in talks with Mr. Toledo about fundraising priorities for the coming year.
 - C. Dates/events that need OK:
 1. 50/50 raffle at Open House – we will not be doing this as there is not enough time to sell tickets. Possibly revisit for first report card pick-up.
 2. Family Movie Day – late October/early November at the Patio
 3. Holiday Tree sale – December 7 or 15
 4. Thorpapalooza – April 14 or 21
 5. TOT III – February 22 or March 1

V. Upcoming Events

A. Holiday Tree Sale

1. We voted unanimously in favor of holding a holiday tree sale.
2. Sale will be in conjunction with Farmer's Market Garden Center (brought to our attention thanks to Jeff Murray)
3. Katie will talk to Jeff to get contact information to pin down a date (possibly Sat. Dec. 7 or Dec. 15)
4. Tammy thinks the PTA might like to partner with us on this – she will take the lead with them.
5. We talked about selling hot chocolate/cider or possibly working with different classes to have kids make ornaments to sell. We will discuss further and set up committee (with Katie and Tammy chairing) at the next meeting.

B. Family Movie Night

1. We determined that The Patio is the best option for this (The Portage is expensive on weekends and a weeknight didn't seem like the best option)
2. Joe has spoken with Dimitri at The Patio who is happy to work with us. The best timing would be after they get their digital projector (so we can hand pick the movie we want shown). Probably late October/early November.
3. Joe will continue to work with Dimitri to nail down a cost and details
4. We would like to try and partner with an area restaurant for before or after the movie (if we come over to eat/drink Thorp gets a portion of the proceeds). Options include Regulus or the Mexican restaurant across the street. Tammy has spoken with Central Kitchen and Tap and they are very interested. Can someone talk to Regulus and the Mexican place? Laura will talk to Sutherlands.

C. Thorpapalooza

1. Anu and Colleen will talk with Aidan and Rahul about timing for their respective bands.
2. We discussed having a third more child-oriented performer. Laura, Colleen and Janelle might have had some ideas
3. Anastasia mentioned that perhaps her flamenco group could perform

D. Taste of Thorp

1. We do not need to clear the date with Mr. Toledo. Leslie will contact Biagio to book a date – either Feb 22 or March 1

E. Moms' Night Out/Couples' Night Out

1. Decided to hold another Moms' Night at Chief O'Neill's. Details to be determined.
2. Possible get-together at Bindu's

VI. Sept. 19 and 20th Open House

- A. We will not do a 50/50 raffle since each open house only lasts for one hour
- B. We will have a table to distribute our fliers and collect e-mail addresses. Perhaps have someone walk around on the second floor to answer questions and direct people to our table. Should we have a third person with us?
- C. Maria will make name tags (I'm a Friend of Thorp – Ask Me!) or something like that
- D. We had people schedule to man the tables but the open house has been rescheduled. We need to get volunteers to work at the open house on 9/26 and/or 9/27

VII. Other Business

- A. Schoola – Bindu has set up an account for us on Schoola, which is like a Groupon site that schools can use for fundraising. The site will launch on Sept. 24. Schools get 30-50% back from the deals. We'll need to familiarize ourselves with it and then get the word out (Katie can send e-mail and FB message and Lisa can put on website)
- B. Talent Show – Mr. Toledo wants to have a talent show at the end of the year. Will Friends of Thorp assist? If so, in what way? We need to discuss further.
- C. Web updates – Lisa will update the website with new information including information on how to make a matching gift. We can include the list of companies that have matching gift programs
- D. Lisa will also add info about our purchase of water fountains (and Katie will post on FB). We should get a picture of one (perhaps in action) to add.
- E. We still have 200 Thorp eagle hats available - Laura is looking into an outlet for those.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 11 – place TBD (Anu will check with Regulus)