

GPA Meeting November 11, 2008

Attendees: Amy Joseph, President; Ginny Gjedsted, Vice-President; Terri Ahuruonye, Secretary; Cynthia D'Amato; Martha Fulmer; Antonella Goldsborough; Gary Goldsborough; Tina McGovern

Approval of October Minutes. The October minutes were approved.

Logowear/Treasurer Update

Samples of sweatpants and shorts were ordered. We will try pre-orders, but even if they don't sell the samples will be sold. There is not much difference between the prices of the shorts and sweatpants.

School Play

The play was postponed to November 20th, 21st, and 22nd due to a leak in the theater. The play starts at 7:30 on the 20th and 8:00PM on the 21st and 22nd.

Amy said help is needed with set building and costumes. Food is needed to sell at intermission and dinners are needed for the actors before the play. Usually dinner is provided on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday night. On Saturday the actors can eat before they come to the school. The foods that sell the best are healthy foods such as cheese and crackers, baked goods, fruits, cupcakes and foods that can be sold individually. On Thursday help is needed to set-up and break down. Set-up time is 6:00 PM on Thursday and 7:00 PM on Friday.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents and Special Friends day will be moved, but the date has not been set.

Ginny explained that Grandparent's day is a way of developing community. Students don't have to bring a grandparent, they can bring a friend. They get a free ticket to the play, dessert, and tea. Last year about 30 people came and enjoyed it.

International Night

We need a chairperson for International Night. International Night is a school wide potluck that celebrates diversity. We decorate the cafeteria in an international theme. Parents bring food that represents their ethnicity/heritage. It is usually from 6-8PM. The band that played at the 10/10 auction played at International Night two years ago. The date is flexible, but it is usually held on a Friday.

The chairperson coordinates what food people bring; getting people to help decorate the cafeteria; setting up, advertising, and getting entertainment for the event. Antonella Goldsborough volunteered to chair International Night.

Teacher's Wish List

Tina McGovern has a wish list from the fall. Cynthia D'Amato said teacher's put their list on Craigslist. There needs to be a liaison to coordinate and for the teachers to contact.

Open Forum

- *Food Drive.* The bins are in the hallway.
- *What Can Be Done To Encourage People to Attend GPA Meetings?* Suggestions included:
 1. Find out what parents would like to discuss.
 2. Serve Food.
 3. Have Guest Speakers.
 4. At the freshman meeting have parents sign up for one committee.
 5. Have people commit to next school year's activities before the end of this school year.
- *December Meeting Topics.* The December meeting will focus on Project Week and International Night. Tina McGovern will ask Mary Maya to attend the meeting to discuss Project Week.
- *GPA Meeting Dates.* Amy will get the GPA meeting dates put on the Gateway website's school calendar

Respectfully Submitted,
Terri Ahuruonye, Secretary