

The Summit Preparatory School of Southwest Missouri
SPO Board Minutes
October 21, 2010

Present:

Anne Mason
Pat Misterovich
Nicole Lawrence
Jason Ward
Jody Schaad
Becky Breckner
Jill Nieman
Sandy Frye
Nicole Keech
Natalie Schimizu
Arlene Stenger
Sara Thompson
Jennifer Grace Duran
Amy Vaughn
Kristin Walker
Terianne Love
Leah Blakey

Absent:

Jennifer Johnson
Sue Massey
Kim Jones
Amy Meriweather
Anessa Musgrave
April Krenn

Staff and Guests:

Karen Sweeney
Kathy Reynolds
Lara Garrett
Cynthia Zuch
Joe Reichard
Mary Reichard

Opening: Anne Mason called the meeting to order at 6:35pm and presented the agenda. Minutes from September's meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: Jason Ward reported that we made \$857 in mum sales; \$75 at the Dagwoods Fundraising Night, \$389.79 in tips at the Fudruckers Fundraising Night bringing our YTD total funds raised to \$266.63.

Capital Campaign: Anne Mason reported that as of Monday, October 18th, 2010 we have \$542,000 pledged.

Board of Trustees Report: As reported by Anne Mason, we are looking for 9 non-parent and 5 (possibly 7 after assessing and interviewing) parent nominees to sit on the Board of Trustees. The new Board will be focusing on school operations.

Kate Wilcox is working on a better website to increase our schools visibility.

After careful consideration, the Board of Trustees decided not to pursue legal action against the Nixa school board regarding the naming of their school as the Summit. There will continue to be an Ad Hoc committee, headed by Eddie Lawrence, to protect our school name.

Head of School Report: Karen Sweeney told us that staff is looking at ways to improve the use of our building space with assistance from family member Billy Kimmons. Current changes could include movement of the Computer Lab to accommodate 5th and 6th Grade students. The piano lab may be moved to the music area. And computers may be moved to K-4 classrooms or we may look at a mobile laptop cart for the Lower School students. Ideas will/can be turned in to the Facilities Committee.

It was announced that we will have one caterer starting at the beginning of the new semester.

Drinking water solutions were discussed again. Kristin Walker reported prices of single and double water fountains and it was also noted that Amy Meriweather had looked at faucet mount filter options. The Board suggested we just wait and install water fountains on each floor once enough Capital Campaign funds are available. Students should continue to bring water bottles from home and can refill them at sinks as needed.

We will be selling 20 sections of the Playground Fence for \$1000 per section at the Gala. Family members could be encouraged to buy a section together as a group.

The new playground was paid for by a friend of The Summit. All faculty and staff made a contribution to the campaign in honor of Anne Winkler, for all she has done, both physically and financially for the school. Now all that is needed to get our playground is the fence.

Accreditation: It is very important for all families to complete the ISACS survey, the deadline is 11/5/10. Results of the survey are totally confidential and go straight to ISACS and not the school. K-4 students will take a special survey given to them by Karen Sweeney. 5th grade through Upper School students will take an online survey at school. Following the survey, the next step will be setting a Strategic Plan and following that we will be gathering specific groups, one group to be the SPO members for a 1-2 hour meeting. Prior to this meeting SPO members will need to do "homework".

Upcoming Events:

Gala 10/24/10 - As reported by Leah Blakey we have 175 people attending. 150 silent auction items; 11 live auction items. And of course a wonderful menu and location.

Fall Book Fair - Leah Blakey. The Book Fair is the week of parent/teacher conferences. Upper School will have their own books, due to content, in a separate area in the conference room area outside Karen Sweeney and Kathy Reynolds

offices.

Family Work Day - Kathy Reynolds. Date 11/6/10 8am. No children. Volunteers should plan to be there most of the day. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to Kathy Reynolds.

Send Garage Sale items in now. We have had \$700 in Ebay sales, of particular interest for Ebay are designer shoes and handbags, We have had approximately \$2,000 in Craigslist sales.

Anne Mason noted that we may want to consider using SPO funds to buy items on teachers wish lists.

Class Representative Reminders: Turn in Gala Basket donation list for tax donation letters to Kathy Reynolds. Copy teachers on all class emails so they are in the communication loop with the parents. Remind parents of teacher newsletters on the webpage. Amy Vaughn suggested teachers send the newsletter in an email format as well as posting it on the website.

New Business:

Upper School Dance: on 10/28/10 at Millies from 7pm-10pm. Terianne Love asked for help decorating at 2pm the day of.

Movie: Waiting for Superman: At Campbell 16 cinema. We get a group discount as long as we have 25 or more people. Movie is rated PG. The discussion was put on hold until we could learn if the movie would be showing at the Moxie.

Garbo's Fundraiser: 11/9/10. For lunch or dinner 10% proceeds for dine in and 5% proceeds for takeout. Upper school students will be performing at Garbo's upstairs that evening.

Fall Concert: 11/16/10 at 6:30pm in Clara Thompson Hall at Drury University.

Community Open House: 11/20/10 - Kathy Reynolds.

Hours will be from 8:30 - 11:30 and we will be serving cookies and punch. On 11/22/10 we will be hosting an Open House for businesses in the Chesterfield Village.

Additional Open Houses: reported by Kathy Reynolds. On 12/4/10 from 8:30-11:30 we will host a Lower School (Pre-K through 4th Grade) prospective family Open House, on that same day from 1-3pm we will host a Middle School

prospective family Open House. And on 1/8/11 we will host a High School prospective family Open House.

On 2/4/11 from 6:30pm - 9pm we will have a Summit Mixer. We will ask Summit parents to invite a prospective family to dinner (at a Chesterfield restaurant) and then come have dessert and coffee at the Summit afterwards.

Next Family Night Fundraiser: at Panera Bread on Battlefield across from Battlefield Mall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Minutes prepared by:

Jody Schaad

2010/2011 SPO Secretary