

NSPA MEETING MINUTES, 6/6/07

1. Call to Order: NSPA President Anne Heald called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Attendees: Richard Delmar, Patty Fink, Sarah Flanagan, Anne Heald, Maril Levy, Lorie Nierenberg, Patti Oehmke, Nancy Vibert, and Bruce Zanin.

2. Approval of Minutes: The May meeting minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report. Richard Delmar reported that we have \$42,081 in our checking account, with some deposits yet to be made. He indicated that he was working on reports to the IRS and the State Corporation Commission. There was a motion (seconded) that we transfer \$2,000 into the long-term fund. All agreed that it would be helpful to have a better handle on why we have such a fund and what we might do with it. Rich indicated that he has documents that address this. Rich indicated that he would prepare a draft 2007-2008 budget.

4. Old/Ongoing Business.

a) Prom. 70 prom tickets sold so far. 18 teachers & dates have signed up to attend. Total expected attendance: 105. Tickets were \$65 each; extra money can go to the Class of 2008's account. Richard moved that the NSPA pay for teachers & dates (total now at \$1,300); approved. The NSPA advanced the class \$600; this amount, plus other monies advanced, were to be a loan, NSPA expecting to be paid back. It was noted that prom fundraising had fallen behind due to the play and other activities at school. Maril mentioned that the faculty was discussing perhaps divorcing events from specific grades in the future (e.g., talent show, prom).

b) Leadership/2007-2008 Board. Anne encouraged that, in looking ahead to next year, we ask ourselves, "What's the desirable way to organize ourselves? How do we get there?" We talked in terms of a possible transition group over the summer, since we have, as yet, an incomplete slate for the 2007-2008 NSPA Board, and there is usually more energy in the fall. Lorie Nierenberg offered to be President, June through August; Sarah Flanagan offered to be Vice President. Jean Pacelli had tentatively offered to fill in behind Sarah as Volunteer Coordinator. We discussed having a Nominating Committee and concluded that perhaps the summer planning committee (see d), below) could also serve this function.

We noted that everything we did this year had been a success, and we now have more money than ever before.

c) Communications. We talked, once again, about how to remain in touch with NSPA families, and about the value of an NSPA newsletter. We discussed whether we might get permission to use family email addresses in order to build an NSPA email list.

d) Summer Planning. We talked about pulling together an NSPA packet and putting out the traditional summer mailing (subgroup to work on this: Lorie, Sarah, Patti, Nancy, Richard, Anne, and Bruce). We discussed planning for the September welcome coffee (just new parents, or others as well?) and the annual al fresco (traditionally held the third Sunday in September), and possibly combining the al fresco with the NSPA Annual Meeting. We reminded ourselves that the ability to form car pools has been a hot topic in the past, and there was mention of looking into a possible corporate cab account; Patti Fink agreed to research.

e) Scholarships. We decided that we should form a Scholarship Application Committee to discuss NSPA funding of scholarships as recommended by John Potter. This same Committee could also look into the suggestion that there be one or more NSPA annual awards in recognition of outstanding graduating seniors. We will need to work on identifying selection criteria, and placing students and faculty on notice of both opportunities.

f) Adopt-a-Program. Anne has done some considerable thinking about the Adopt-a-Program and has consulted preliminarily with faculty, who seem enthusiastic. She distributed a 1-page outline addressing purpose, focus/interest areas, funding, coordination, webpage, and next steps, and asked whether the Board would consider authorizing \$2,000 for enrichment in each focus area (humanities, science, language & other cultures, math, and technology). It was decided that we would postpone further discussion of this until we have the NSPA infrastructure in place and we are sure there is sufficient parent interest to support it. There was a motion, supported by all, that the program concept/structure be further developed for potential inclusion in next year's budget. Anne indicated that she would like to unveil the program at the fall meeting.

6. New Business. We discussed whether or not our by-laws sufficiently serve our purposes or whether we should consider amending them. Anne offered to find some other models we might consider.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.