

NSPA MEETING MINUTES, 12/13/06

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

Attendees: Eileen Debicki, Richard Delmar, Janet Dopsovic, Lisa Doyle, Sarah Flanagan, Anne Heald, Maril Levy, Lorie Nierenberg, and George Richard.

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

3. Treasurer's Report. Rich Delmar reported an end-of-November balance of \$22,520 in the NSPA account and indicated that, with new miscellaneous deposits to be made within the week, we will probably have close to \$25,000.

PLUS, the December Rudolph Run (more below) netted about \$9,000! Approximate associated costs (most already paid): timers (\$900); insurance (\$475); T shirts (\$2,100); equipment (\$340); police (\$875), and NSNVA (postage). Rich expects to have final numbers in time for the January meeting.

Rich will reimburse George Richard \$136 for web-related expenses.

4. Old/Ongoing Business.

a) Rudolph Run. Anne Heald enthusiastically and appreciatively thanked race Co-Chair Lisa Doyle, Eileen Debicki and Janet Dopsovic -- and all who had helped with the December 9 race -- for their efforts in what was a huge success. Anne presented a glass Rudolph ornament to Lisa, with thanks. Race registrations (522; approx. 150 no-shows), old T-shirt sales (over \$300), and cash donations (over \$2,000) grossed between \$14,000 and \$15,000, for an approximate profit (net) of \$8,500, which may go as high as \$10,000 or \$11,000 when the final numbers are in.

In the "lessons learned" department, Lisa commented that we were short on race marshals to guide people through the course, and that the results were slow in coming in. She also indicated that six items were donated this year that we had paid for in the past, including bibs, bags, labels, and flyers.

b) Legal Advice. Janet Dopsovic indicated that her husband has offered to advise the NSPA *pro bono* on the question of what and how much we can give to the school consistent with our 501(c)(3) status.

c) Communications. There was once again talk of the desire to be able to get information out to the community regarding various events (*e.g.*, the recent theatrical production, "The Arabian Nights"), and the possibility of putting together a newsletter. Anne indicated that she would look for a communications lead by January; the Darlings were once again mentioned as a possibility.

d) Outreach to NSNVA Faculty. Following up on the NSPA-NSNVA faculty meeting to discuss collaboration, Michael Oliver wrote to Anne with some suggestions. He particularly likes the “adopt-a-program” concept, for both in-school and after school programs, and he will attend the January Board meeting to discuss.

5. New Business.

a) Proposed 2006-2007 Budget. Rich prepared and discussed a proposed budget for the 2006-2007 academic year.

b) Scholarship. We approved \$2,500 for a scholarship, to be matched by the school.

c) Adopt-a-Program. We may be able to allocate as much as \$14,000 for the adopt-a-program concept. Anne will write to Michael Oliver one-to-two weeks prior to the January Board meeting to let him know of our December discussion.

d) Long-Term Planning. We have some \$100,000 in our long-term fund. Sarah suggested that we do some careful planning to ensure these funds are invested and used wisely.

e) New Treasurer & Other Officers. Sarah gave Rich the names of two people whom we might want to approach about taking on the role of Treasurer next year. Kathy Levy is the 6th grade rep, but we’re still looking for someone for 7th, 8th and 9th grades; Sarah will pursue.

f) Internships. Anne mentioned the possibility of cultivating student internships among New School parents in the business world.

g) NCISR (National Coalition for Independent School Reform). Annual meeting coming up the first weekend in February in South Carolina. John Potter and John Buzzard will attend; some students and parents will go as well.

h) January Agenda. To include: visit by Michael Oliver to discuss his letter to the NSPA and the “adopt-a-program” concept; coordination of NSPA communications efforts; spring events.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.