

NSPA MEETING

12/17/09

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: NSPA Vice President Nancy Vibert called the NSPA meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Other Board Attendees: Joanna Cole, Melissa Dana, Clare Dean, Kathy Ginsberg, Lyn Goodman, Mike McGurrin, Patti Oehmke, Steve Roushakes, Betsy Sue Scott and Marilyn Williams

Board Members Absent: Cindi DiPalma, Lisa Doyle, Tom Grumbly, Jennifer Hill, Maril Levy, and Brenda Mutchler,

Other Attendees: Rice and Frank Lapensee

2. Approval of the November Meeting Minutes: The Vice President moved for the approval of the November meeting minutes and Treasurer Patti Oehmke seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the minutes. Webmaster Mike McGurrin will post them on the NSPA's website.

3. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that the NSPA's Vanguard account has increased in value almost to the point where it stood last year before the market plunged. She noted that the Cardinal Bank account has a 0% interest rate. The Board discussed other investment vehicles and considered whether some funds should be transferred into the Vanguard Long-term Fund. The Board decided that a call to Cardinal Bank to ask about a Money Market Account or short-term CDs was in order.

4. Old Business:

a. Scholarships: The Secretary/Scholarship Committee Chair reported that the two applications that have come in are under the Committee's review. Committee member Jennifer Hill, the 9th Grade Class Rep, is the point person in contacting the applicants for missing information. Committee member Mike McGurrin discussed the revisions under consideration for the application form. Committee member/ has communicated with the applicants in order to obtain missing information.

b. Tables of Eight: The Tables of Eight dinners will continue with a second round in January. Mike McGurrin's wife Gina is coordinating the dinner. Another host is being sought for a dinner and Kathy Ginsberg offered to host one for Lower School families after January. Another announcement will go out about the January dinner after the holidays. The Board requested that Steve Roushakes mention the dinner at an upcoming faculty meeting to encourage faculty participation.

c. SAT Prep Course: Volunteer Coordinator Clare Dean brought up the SAT prep course as a follow up to the discussion at the November Board meeting. The Faculty Rep agreed to follow up with the school about this matter.

d. Auction: The Treasurer, who is also Auction co-chair, reported that a planning meeting will take place on January 9th. Co-chair Laura McGrew has begun work on the March 13, 2010 event. 10th Grade parent Stephanie Reiser will head the food preparation for the Auction. There is an online donation form. Volunteers are needed to cash out at the end of the evening.

e. Ski Trip: More than forty people have signed up to date for the ski trip to Snowshoe. The trip is a community event that is not organized by either the school or the NSPA.

f. Ted Ramsay's Art Exhibit: Faculty member Ted Ramsay's generosity at his art exhibit in Reston on November 30th raised \$170 for the NSPA. The Vice President will send him a "thank you" note on behalf of the NSPA. She will also send out an email to parents with his website information.

g. Prom: Joanna Cole, the Alum Rep, announced that, to date, students have raised \$700 for the Spring Prom. The Board complimented her on her leadership of the students in organizing the fundraising for this annual event.

5. New Business:

a. Trophies for the Soccer Team: The Board was asked to consider supplying trophies for the soccer team. The Board declined but would consider providing uniforms.

b. Liam Andrews Concert: Kathy Ginsberg will host at her home a concert by Liam Andrews. An announcement will go out shortly on this fundraiser for the NSPA.

6. Next Meeting: The next meeting of the NSPA Board will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, in the School's Media Room.

At the July meeting, the Board set the NSPA meeting schedule for the school year, including: 2/17, 3/17, 4/21 (Annual Meeting), 5/19 and 6/2/10.

Adjournment: The Board meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Minutes prepared by Betsy Sue Scott, Board Secretary