

## Tandem Parent Association Meeting December 1, 2005

Our meeting began with a moment of silence then introductions.

**Paul Perkinson**, Head of school, commended Antonio Diaz and Gordon Fields for organizing Thanksgiving food baskets for local families. Three students reported to the student body about how powerful an experience this service project was for them. More contact with local families in need is desired and is one of our school's goals.

Paul encouraged parents to attend the final Meeting for Worship before our winter holiday begins on December 16 at 2:50.

Paul met with a local independent film maker to interview him as a candidate to run the yet to be formed Upper School film program. A Wish List proposal for this program is currently being worked on.

**Lois Myers**, a member of the Tandem Board of Trustees, updated us on progress made in meeting Tandem's strategic plan which was created after Tandem became a Friends school with Paul as its new head. She described the four major aspects of the plan:

**Preservation of a Sense of Community:** The Spiritual Life Committee of the Board of Trustees will present their review to the board in March.

**Financial Stability:** The Finance Committee reviewed the strategic plan goals and reported at the November meeting that the goals had been successfully addressed.

**Physical Plant:** This will be discussed at the January Board meeting by the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

**Creation of an Environment Where the Best is Expected from Each Other:** The Education Committee of the Board of Trustees will report on this in February.

Meetings and minutes of the Board of Trustee meetings are public, and individuals may feel free to check on the progress of goal achievement.

**David Slezak** made several announcements.

An anonymous parent has offered to underwrite all expenses associated with Wednesday morning pancake breakfasts.

Wednesday, December 7, from 11:45-12:25, Tandem's Spiritual Life Committee will evaluate community service done so far this year.

The Kennedy family has donated Christmas trees from their property to use for raising Tandem funds. For an as yet undecided donation amount, school families may take a tree already cut and brought to school or go to the Kennedy's to cut their own tree. Some proceeds will go to families we support during the holidays and some will go to the Quaker scholarship fund. Antonio Diaz will contact the families the school will be supplying with food baskets to ask if they would also like a tree. Details will be included in the Friday letter.

**Parry Merkley** told us the grocery voucher system is off to a good start as a fundraiser. He hopes to add all local grocery stores to the list. We currently only have Whole Foods and The Market, and Whole Foods will discontinue their gift cards in 2006. Wallet size handouts will be available with participant information when additional stores are added. Gift cards may be purchased in the Development Office anytime or from Parry at the Field House during drop off and pick up on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

**Nura Yingling** described Tandem's holiday community service efforts. A matching grade program has been organized where an upper school grade works with a middle school grade on holiday projects. Students will have the option to choose a project to work on. These include:

- choosing a Salvation Army family to take food and holiday gifts to
- stocking the Ronald McDonald pantry and doing food preparation
- being involved in assisting PACEM (People and Congregations involved in Ministry)
- adopting Indian Elders in Utah to help
- and many more opportunities

These projects will come from student initiative and not be assigned by the school. Caroling at area nursing homes will still take place, and there will still be a party for children at the Salvation Army. There won't be a Secret Santa this year. Individual classes may decide to do small gift exchanges. There will be a school wide talent show on December 16<sup>th</sup> as part of the whole school holiday party.

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Holly Ball for Upper School students sponsored by John Davis, 12<sup>th</sup> grade dean.

The Middle School will have its next dance on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Lee Halstead** and **Edith McHenry** informed us of the overloaded Lost and Found. Paul stated that the faculty is not doing enough teaching to the students about responsibility for their belongings. Parents need to put their children's names in their clothing, too. The lost and found is located in the basement of the main building. Anything not picked up soon will be donated to the Salvation Army.

**Virginia Knight**, PA Treasurer, recognized that the John Howard Fund received \$237 from the berry sale organized by Madelyn Wessel, John McCall's mother.

Lee Halstead has requested \$350 for a TV/DVD player for use in middle school classes. The Finance Committee recommended she request \$500 to ensure a quality system. It was agreed that she receive from \$500 from Wish List funds to make the purchase.

Virginia asked that teachers submit Wish List fund requests because the PA still has uncommitted funds for this quarter.

A gift of \$100 to the Tandem Campaign from the Parent Association was approved.

The minutes from the November Parent Association Meeting were approved.

The PA holiday party will be an adults only potluck at the home of Craig and Liz Hanson on December 11 at 5:00. All parents, faculty, and staff are invited. No RSVP is necessary.

**Barb Bousquet**, chairwoman of the Spring Fundraiser gave us the following updates:

- Hank Shutz will be Master of Ceremonies
  - Avery Waite and The Melbourne String Quarter will provide the dinner hour music entertainment for a price between \$100-\$200
  - Baja Bean will cater the dinner buffet. Tandem parents will be asked to serve the food and provide desserts.
  - A silent auction of stays at vacation homes only will be held. Class reps will be contacted in January to help come up with families who may have vacation homes to offer.
  - Barb is still looking for an ensemble of parents and or teachers to put together a skit or dance routine for the Cabaret.
  - A parent/trustee mailing will go out in Jan/Feb to sell advance tickets and to solicit donations for the Cabaret held on March 4<sup>th</sup>
  - No alcohol will be served for this family event held on campus
  - A ticket price of \$20/adults and \$10/children 12 and under was agreed to
- The next Cabaret meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 in the Community Hall foyer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Rinehart