

Tandem Parent Association Meeting October 6, 2005

Edith McHenry, Parent Association President, welcomed us and we began our meeting with a moment of settling silence. Introductions followed.

Tag Sale Report: Margaret Maupin, head of the Tandem Tag Sale, told us \$11,681 had been deposited at this point with about \$500 in outstanding expenses. She felt this was very successful, and we all agreed.

More importantly, Margaret pointed out that not only did the money raised come mostly from outside the Tandem community, we also did great **service** to those in need outside the Tandem community. Three truckloads of donated goods were given to Hurricane Katrina victims, stuffed animals were given to the local Rescue Squad, ten boxes of clothes were given to the Schoolhouse Thrift Shop, needed items were donated to Tandem School, a local charity came to pick up items that were not sold, and Goodwill and the Salvation Army were also given items. Another positive aspect of the sale is that we received many visitors on our campus; a Tandem brochure is in the works that will be available for distribution to visitors next year.

Looking to next year, the volunteer base for the Tag Sale needs to be expanded. Suggestions would be useful. Help is especially needed in the weeks leading up to the event. A date needs to be cleared for next year that works best for all involved. After assessing everything from this year, Margaret will present her ideas for next year.

Barb Bousquet thanked Margaret for all her hard work and Jo Ann and Todd for the use of their trucks.

September minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tag Sale activity accounted for most of the money activity for the last month. The money raised, totaling \$11,070.44, will go to the EE Ford Fund in support of school diversity.

Uncommitted funds from the lunch program and the wish list still remain in the Parent Association budget. These funds will become available for next quarter's wish list.

The Finance Committee met and discussed wish list items. Three were approved and presented for Parent Association approval. After discussing two of the three items, all were approved with consensus. Money was approved to cover some unexpected scholarship expenses (a one time need as a grant is being written for future needs), to help with publishing costs of a graphic novel written as a senior project, and to purchase French children literature books. **All** faculty and students with faculty recommendation may request Wish List funds. A written request is required.

Barb Bousquet asked if she could have funds immediately from the Wish List to cover some planting costs for Beautification Day. She would have to go

through the entire procedure : write up of request, reading of request by Paul, Approval by Finance Committee, and approval of the Parent Association.

Development Office Report: Jean Dunnington was congratulated on her appointment as Head of Development at Tandem. She announced that Peggy Shaker had the majority of volunteers needed for the 35th anniversary weekend celebration. Please contact Peggy if you would like to volunteer.

Whole Food gift cards and Market \$5 coupons are now available. Buy them from Parry Merkely who will be at Tandem at drop off and pick up on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Orders will be taken, too. They are also available in the Development office.

Larry Goldstein, coordinator of service learning at Tandem, spoke to us about service learning. The goal is for every Tandem student to have a service learning experience each year. Service learning is rooted in the student's curriculum which is how it differs from community service. Service learning has a long history in Friends education. A faculty task force met this summer to decide on details of the program. This is a work in progress as the teacher's train to implement the program. There is a Tandem service learning committee in place to evaluate. Details will be available in future Friday letters and on the web site.

Grade level community service in the Upper School will continue and will not interfere with regularly scheduled school days. This is an opportunity for parent involvement.

pARTisans: Middle school music was the topic of discussion. Fifth grade parent rep, Todd Koeze, has been polling middle school parents for their thoughts on a middle school music program. He will evaluate his findings and report. There will not be regular pARTisans meeting. If you want to be on the email list, let Peggy Shaker know.

There will be a work day in the drama department on Saturday, October 8 from 2-5 pm.

Beautification: JoAnn Dalley said there are many chores scheduled for work day on October 8th related to sprucing up the campus for the 35th anniversary celebration. If it rains, the following Saturday will be reserved as a work day. Food and snacks will be provided.

Badger Spirit: Please sign up to help with concessions during home games. The goal is to have the students help sell. Bids are coming in for building lockers in the locker rooms.

Liz Hanson has arranged for a speaker to come on October 20th from 7-8pm. The topic will be the Internet and teenage usage. Liz is excited about the depth and breadth of the speaker's knowledge on the subject

First Thursdays of each month are not good days for Listening Group to meet as Parent Association meets on the same day in the morning. Other options are being explored for a different meeting day.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Rinehart, Secretary