

Friends Select Parent Association - September 27, 2011 Meeting Notes
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We kicked off the first meeting of the 2011/2012 school year with introductions and the reading of the PA mission statement, which reads:

All parents of Friends Select students are members of the Parent Association (PA). Its mission is to support Friends Select School as a learning community rooted in Quaker values. Led by a PA board and several committees, members of the PA work with the school administration to achieve the following goals:

- *Provide opportunities for parents to meet together socially.*
- *Serve as a communications link between the school and families, particularly through PA Class Representatives.*
- *Create opportunities for parent education through lectures, speakers and discussion sessions.*
- *Facilitate parents' financial and volunteer support to the school through events that traditionally include book fair, gift wrap sales and auction.*

The following items were discussed:

Parent Association Plans for 2011 – 12

Ways to get involved:

- Community Service
- Philabundance food drive – November 7 - 11
- Martin Luther King Day of Service – January 16, 2012
- Bookfair – TBD

New Business

Speaker Series (presented by Nancy Ryan)

Cyber Bullying and Cyber Behavior – presented by the Anti-defamation League.

October 24th - This workshop is for the students of the upper school – Time: 9 a.m. – 12 noon.

October 26th – This workshop is presented for the parents – Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

FSS Dining with Friends 2012 (presented by Karen Flam)

This is an event for the month of January 2012. Through a partnership with parents, alumnus and community owned establishments. If you dine at one of the participating restaurants, 25% of your meal check will be contributed to Friends Select.

Currently, we have 5 restaurants that will participate in the program; our goal is to have 20 restaurants. Any suggestions or interest in participating, please contact the Parent Association.

More details and the list of participating restaurants will be provided at a later date.
Philabundance (presented by Karen Flam) – November 7th – 11th

This is an event we have done over the last few years. The goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of goods. Boxes will be stationed throughout the school. The following items are needed:

- Peanut butter (plastic jars)
- Food items which contain protein (ie tuna, beefaroni, beef ravioli)
- Packaged goods

The above items are needed the most however, any food contribution (plastic jar, can goods or packaged good) and is not beyond the products expiration date are greatly appreciated.

PA Auction 2012 – (presented by Jacki Sufak) – March 10, 2012

Location : College of Physicians, 19 S. 22nd Street, Philadelphia

Volunteers are needed – Auction committee meeting information listed below, please attend if you are interested

Report from Head of School Rose Hagan

Rose Hagan presented the new plans for the Capital Campaign which outlines planned renovations for the FSS building. Plans include renovating Bailey's Circle staircase to access the basement (which is a priority), renovating the basement areas which are currently unfinished, and finally renovations to the theatre with new seating, sound and lighting system, alter the balcony and expand the surface of the stage.

The start date of these renovations is estimated for the summer of 2014.

Presentation from the Libraries (presented by Sandy Guild - Director of Libraries, Paula Cairo – Lower School Library, and Maureen Haurin – Middle/Upper School Library)

This was an online presentation of the library services and learning tools which are provided for the students and parents have access as well. Such tools are technology and resource programs with online learning centers. For the middle and upper school library, the online learning center also provides the class information for every class which includes a course overview and, new this year, homework which is updated by 3:30 everyday.

We were also presented with a preview of the new Grey Library homepage which will be live within the next 2-3 weeks.

The general meeting closed after the library presentation and breakout sessions were held for the Auction and Community Service committees.

Upcoming events:

Wednesday – October 12th – LGBT Committee Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the PA room

Thursday – October 13th – Auction Committee Meeting @ 8:15 a.m. in the Seminar room

Saturday – October 15th – Lower School Linvilla Trip meeting at the orchard at TBD

Wednesday – October 19th – FECD Committee Social (Pot Luck) @ 6 p.m. in the PA room

Thursday – October 27th – Parent Association Meeting @ 8:15 a.m. in the PA room