

Minutes of the May 7, 2008 PACA Meeting:

Columbus Academy parents in attendance: Evelyn Kelley-Antoine, Jay Beatley, Ken Brown, Sara Browning, Beth Fisher, Cathy Hile, Erich Hunker, Jeff Jeffers, Leanne Keith, Lexie Lazarus, Paula Marrie, Prabha Narayanan, Ben Nicola, Femi Obikunle, Susan Pickering, Shelby Rhyne, Joyce Simson, Lynne Souba, Mary Jo Vara, Lisa Westwater, and Cynthia Zeigler.

Introduction and Approval of Minutes: At 8:05 a.m., PACA Board President Joyce Simson called to order the meeting, held in the Trustees' Room. She asked for and received approval of the April 2008 PACA minutes.

Report from PACA Treasurer: Mary Jo Vara distributed a hard copy report of PACA's financial situation as of May 6th. PACA's budget year is close to completion. She noted that Viking Corner netted an approximate loss of \$8100 in its first year of operations. However, \$7500 of startup expenses (primarily construction on the store space) was included in Viking Corner expenses making up most of the store's loss. The store's recent year-end sale grossed \$4000 in revenues.

Committee Reports:

LS Head Parents, Jeff Jeffers and Cynthia Zeigler, noted that Special Friends Day is slated for Friday, May 9th. Closing programs occur later this month. Also, the annual puberty discussion with 4th grade students had just occurred. Dan Vorenberg and Beckie Hoagland lead separate discussions with the boys and girls.

US Head Parents, Paula Marrie and Jay Beatley, reported on the recent US Talent Show. The last school day for Seniors is Friday, May 9th.

Erich Hunker noted that all members of the Senior Class have secured spots in either a college or university. Two students will spend a "gap" year doing pre-professional or volunteer work before starting at their matriculated schools.

Paula also reported for the Senior Party Committee. Prabha Narayanan had several questions regarding communication and safety at the upcoming Senior Party. These concerns were echoed by other parents. There was significant discussion about PACA's liability because the Senior Party is not a school-sponsored event but PACA sponsored. Paula promised that the Senior Party Committee Chairs would be in touch with Prabha.

Ben Nicola reported for the Athletics Committee. The Spring Program has been delayed due to a problem with accurate labeling of the Track Team photos. Ben reminded the group that next year's Fall Program will be distributed to all CA families. To date, the Athletics Programs have been a "loyalty" piece with distribution limited to only the families of the athletes. Ben noted that the forecast for advertising is significantly higher next year due to the change in distribution.

Faculty Recognition Committee Co-Chair Leanne Keith reported that \$5 Graeter's gift cards would be purchased for and distributed to all CA faculty and staff before the end of the school year. The Committee has done an excellent job working within their budget. The Graeter's cards will be purchased through the SCRIP Committee netting some income for PACA.

Joyce Simson congratulated the Antiques Show Co-Chairs, Ann Kneidinger- Flaherty, Barb Castelli and Evelyn Kelley-Antoine, for their enormous commitment of time and energy to this year's Show. She reminded the group that the Antiques Show is PACA's largest source of revenue for grants requests.

Evelyn reported for the Antiques Show. She had good news: Dr. Larry Griffin, has offered his 19 piece band (again) for next year's fundraising event! Evelyn said that Friday's Gala was a beautiful evening. She thought this year's Antiques Show dealers were very pleased and would return for a future event. Jeff Jeffers agreed with Evelyn's comments.

Cathy Hile, Chair of the LS Fair, reported the event was a great success again this year with almost 300 children attending and a small profit made of \$1000.

Prabha Narayanan, Parent Education Committee Chair, summed up her year of organizing programming on campus. She found the a.m. forums better attended by CA parents than after school or evening events. Parents really enjoyed the presentations this year due to the important information provided in each session. Turnout was usually small for each forum. However, Prabha reiterated how enthusiastic parents were after attending a PACA sponsored Parent Education forum. Femi Obikunle also commented on the usefulness of the programs he attended.

SCRIP Co-Chairs Lynne Souba and Sue Pickering reported that their Committee was close to reaching \$7000 in net profit this year! They credited CA parents who placed special SCRIP orders for their businesses (i.e. gifts for employees, etc.) as a wonderful new source of revenue. It should be noted that Lynne and Sue generated approximately the same profit as last year's program on a significantly lower revenue base. This was achieved through an emphasis on high margin SCRIP programs and great management by the Committee.

Service Co-Chair Beth Fisher reported that the upcoming Race for the Cure would include a CA team to be organized by the US Service Board.

Volunteers Chair Evelyn Kelley-Antoine noted that the PACA Volunteer Interest Form is being updated for the 2008-2009 school year with revisions suggested by PACA Committee Chairs. Ken Brown asked if a second Volunteer Interest Form could be distributed by PACA in the spring of each year. Evelyn thought this was an excellent idea. She promised to share it with PACA's 2008-2009 Volunteers Chair.

New Business:

Joyce asked the Board to review the proposed PACA Constitution emailed to everyone prior to the meeting. She will ask for a ratification vote on the document next week at the PACA Annual Meeting.

Ken Brown, PACA President-Elect, distributed a slate of nominees for the 2008-2009 PACA Board. The list was generated by the work of his Nominating Committee which had met twice in the past month. The Board voted to endorse the slate. He will ask for an approval vote at the PACA Annual Meeting, Thursday May 15th.

Lisa Westwater asked if PACA would sponsor after school physical education/fitness-type activities for US students not on an athletic team. Erich Hunker suggested she contact Alyssa King to see if this type of program could fall under the auspices of CASE.

With committee reports finished, Joyce concluded the meeting.

Submitted by Sara Browning, PACA Secretary