

**Friends of the HGM, Inc. -- Board of Directors Meeting
January 14, 2013**

1. Board Members Present: Robert Stulberg, Deborah Kawashima, Yin Tintut, Jennifer King, Laura Frazin Steele, Peter Benn, Peter Hahn

2. Guests Present: HGM Coordinator Ethan Bradbury

3. Call to Order -- Bob

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm in Kennedy 109. The minutes were taken by Deborah Kawashima, the FHGM secretary.

Approval of December Minutes: Approved December minutes via email so that they could be quickly translated into Korean by Lucia Woo and distributed to Korean parents.

Introductions of everyone present: Board members & Guests present.

4. Report from Coordinator -- Mr. Bradbury

Checks and expenses turned in to FHGM Treasurer:

- \$5,710.00 = Student payments for the Senior Trip to Yosemite.
- \$112.00 = Check payable to KK Insurance Group for the Yosemite Trip.
- \$75.00 = FHGM sweatshirt sales.
- \$77.46 = Education Donation from Target Red Card.

Ms. Richardson (Science Teacher) Status: is now on full-time as a faculty member for HGM. Everything came through!

Search for New Math Teacher: The HGM is in search of finding a new HGM Math Teacher for next year. No, Mr. Bahmanyar is not retiring, but the HGM needs to alleviate Mr. Maine with his existing load of math classes. Need to form a committee of a few parents to oversee this process.

Ms. Radenmaker: She has started to send letters out to all the 10th grade students. There are over 90 students, so she cannot meet with all the students individually with their parents. She has sent out a letter to meet students and their parents in small groups. She is also looking into the possibly of meeting some parents during the weekend or evenings, to work better with some of their schedules.

5. Faculty Requests and Other Reimbursements - Bob

No requests or reimbursements to report at this time.

6. President's Report – Bob

Nothing to report at this time.

7. Treasurer's Report -- Yin

Yin presented her January monthly report, categorized according to the budget.

Beginning Balance was **\$ 164,767.00**

Income: Deposits/Credits Total: **+ \$3,402.10**

Expenses for Dec. 2012 (withdrawals/debits): **- \$ 2,857.86**

Expenses broken down per category: (*see Treasurer Report for item breakdown*)

Faculty/Staff Expenses: \$ 950.00

Student Events/Competitions Expenses: \$ 340.68

Students Publications: \$ 664.18

Educational Operational Expenses: \$ 460.00

FHGM Operating Expenses: \$ 443.00

Ending Balance was **\$ 165,311.24**

Other Deposits Collected tonight:

Donation from FHGM letter drive: \$2,200.00

8. Advocacy Update - Jennifer

Re-Testing for highly-gifted test: Jennifer met with Nuri Martinez, a School Board Member from NorthEast Valley. She suggested to Jennifer that it's important to meet with LaRoyce Belle, the head of the Gifted program of LAUSD. We need to continue our dialogue to let her know that we are here to advocate for the Gifted program and help her.

Background information: The new test given to 2nd graders for accessing if a student is gifted is the Olsat-8 Test. If they don't score at a certain score, then they won't even be given the chance to take The Raven test, which is the Highly Gifted test to determine if they can be in the HGM program or not. As it stands now, not many students are taking the Raven Test, even though many students request to be re-tested at a later date after 2nd grade. LAUSD is saying that the HGM is not diversified, but they won't re-test because they say they are under-staffed. If Prop 30 passes, then will revisit the re-testing and hopefully better this problem.

Bob Bloomenfeld – He passed a gifted legislation last year that addresses access to gifted programs for under represented communities.

9. Korean Liaison Update - Angie

Angie Han was absent from the meeting tonight. We will get an update at the next meeting.

10. Fundraising Update - Peter H.

Peter Hahn reported that the FHGM raised \$2200.00 from the recent Letter Donation drive.

Deposit for Jan: \$2200.00

Balance-to-Date: \$ 23,300.00

Peter Hahn will send out an Eblast Reminder for Annual Donations with an attachment of the Donation Forms. FHGM is asking for 100% participation.

11. Alumni/PR Update - Peter B.

Alumni Contact Sheet: Judy Bickel is still working with us and has a small team of people helping her input all the information.

12. Volunteer Update – Laura

Zoo Winter Dance: This was a success! They had all the chaperones they needed!

13. FHGM Website Update - Michel

Michel was not here today.

14. New Business – Bob

Approval for New Budget Proposal: Approval of a new Budget form that adds a "Misc. Expense" for the categories listed below:

- Faculty & Staff: \$500.00
- Student Events/Competitions were combined: \$1000.00
- Educational Operational Expenses: \$500.00
- FHGM Operational Expenses: \$500.00

Motion to approve the New Budget Proposal to add Misc. Expenses to four select categories. Seconded - no opposed/extensions - Motion carried unanimously without objection

Duke Moot Court Airfare Supplement: Will wait see if airfares increase.

A Second Deposit Stamp for Peter Hahn: Yin will order this through the Bank of America. Estimated cost is \$25.00

15. Old Business -- Bob

Computer Purchase for HGM Office: Will follow-up with Michel Algazi. He will order the computers.

Officers & Director Insurance: (Angie) Tabled for next meeting.

Savings Acct for FHGM: (Yin) Bob will order the Articles of Incorporation required to open the account.

Teacher stipends for college recommendation letters: Need to talk Ms. Kivork about the stipends.

Team/Club coaches and sponsors (stipends): Need to talk Ms. Kivork about the stipends.

Team/Club parent chaperones (LAUSD clearance): Need to talk Ms. Kivork about the stipends.

HGM Photo Release Form: (Bob): Mr. Bradbury already has photo release forms that HGM students and parents sign at the beginning of the year. FHGM can use that for our website, so no need to make up a new form.

NoHo PTA: (Bob) The charter has been revoked. To start this up, it would need a parent body that wants to do this. There are no parents interested in doing this, at this time.

16. Public Comment - Open Floor

No Comments.

17. Next Meeting – Bob

Wed, Feb 13, 2013 at 7pm in Kennedy 109.

18. Adjournment – Bob

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously without objection.