

**Friends of the HGM, Inc. -- Board of Directors Meeting  
September 19, 2012**

**Board Members Present:** Robert Stulberg, Deborah Kawashima, Jennifer King, Fern Wallach, Yin Tintut, Angie Han, Peter Hahn, Laura Frazin Steele

**Guests Present:** HGM Coordinator Ethan Bradbury, Parents: Lucia Woo, Terry Saucier, Michel Algazi, Care Felix, Chanim French, Kuyung H. Kim, Ashley Kim, Eun Jung, Ramin Fayyazi

**1. 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 Minutes & Approval Procedure:* Approved Aug minutes via email so that they could be quickly translated into Korean and distributed to Korean parents. Would like this to be the Approval Procedure going forward so that minutes will be approved within a week via email and then sent via email to Lucia Woo, to be translated into Korean and distributed.

A motion was made for board to approve Approval Procedure for Minutes with Korean Translation. Seconded - no opposed/extensions - Motion carried unanimously without objection.

• *Introductions* of everyone present: Board members & Guests.

**2. Picnic Recap: - Laura**

The picnic was well attended and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun, despite the hot weather. We raised about \$4000.00.

*Suggestions for Improvement: (put on Agenda for May meeting to re-visit discussion)*  
New location for next year: discussed possibilities of cooler venues. Right now we have been paying \$225.00 for the use of Beeman Park. Maybe we can consider other locations: North Weddington Park, Woodbridge Park (near Oakwood) ???

Needed more canopies because of the hot weather. Maybe send specific flyers to request more chairs/canopies. Also create a central drop-off location (HGM office?) for big item supplies if parents donating can't stay at the picnic until clean-up.

Reminder: Only Board members can handle money at events.

Ice Cream Truck - hire one and get a percentage so then don't have problem with waste/left-overs or keeping things cold!

Korean Barbecue - Create an on-line form so easy access and ensure that people order on-time. Give option to pay via checks OR credit card via Square or Pay-Pal - Michel Algazi said he can help set that up for us on the HGM website.

Donations at the Picnic: Laura will send *Thank You* notes, either via email or snail mail to everyone who gave monetary donations at the picnic.

A motion was made to have Laura send *Thank You* notes to people who made monetary donations at picnic. Seconded - no opposed/extensions - Motion carried unanimously without objection.

### **3. Treasurer's Report -- Yin**

Yin reported that the Picnic made \$3465.00, after expenses. We made more than last year.

Steve, Yin and Bob need to arrange to meet before the next meeting with Bank of America to transfer authorization and check signing to Bob and Yin.

### **4. Budget for 2012/13 -- Yin**

The 2012/13 Budget will be developed for this year before the next meeting and be presented then. Bob and Yin will meet with Steve. Mr. Bradbury will get input from HGM teachers so that the budget covers all their needs.

### **5. Report from Coordinator -- Mr. Bradbury**

NYTimes Article : Young, Gifted and Neglected by Chester E. Finn Jr. - article in The Opinion Pages (9/18/12) this piece talked about the lack of Highly Gifted programs in Public Education, and the bigger problem that there are none in large urban centers - mentioned that there were none in LA... Mr. Bradbury emailed the author, Chester Finn Jr., to inform him about the HGM in LA and invited him to visit our program. Read the article.

Link to article: [http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/19/opinion/gifted-students-deserve-more-opportunities.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/19/opinion/gifted-students-deserve-more-opportunities.html?_r=0)

Ms Rademaker (previously Ms.Honig) HGM College Counselor: Has started her meetings with Seniors to write her letters of recommendations. HGM has 53 seniors this year.

College Admissions Presentations: These are for seniors only and sign-ups are required. The schedule is posted in the HGM office. Parents are not encouraged to come to school for these meetings. Parents are encouraged to attend an evening

program offered by the college in the local area. The presentations were well attended. This week we had: Cal Tech - Owen Wolfe, Admissions Director and Columbia Univ. - Mr Johnson, Admissions Director. Next week will be a presentation from UC Santa Barbara.

Cal Tech Admissions: Mr. Maine and Mr. Bradbury are trying to find out how our HGM students whose focus is math/science can get noticed/accepted by CalTech, since they are the better applicant that would end up choosing CalTech over other schools. Last year the HGM students accepted to CalTech did not have a focus on Science/Math and did not end up choosing Cal Tech.

Prospective Students for HGM: Mr. Bradbury is scheduled to go to an event at Monroe HS for recruiting students to enroll into the HGM. Needs to contact Walter Reed for their "Meet the HS Night" and get on their list to do his presentation there.

Choices Application: Our HGM Prospective Students Open House: 10/11 - meeting in Auditorium then visit classrooms and end with refreshments in the Cafeteria (a list is going around tonight for parents who can come to help out with that).

Campus Tours during daytime for students will be that following week of 10/15. TBA.

Asst Vice Principal Zipure Kivork: is now our new NHHS Administrator for HGM, replacing Dr. Choe, who retired last year. We hope Ms. Kivork can attend our meetings in the future, as Dr. Choe did.

#### Teacher Requests:

Mr. Maine: request for California Harvey Mudd Math Competition on Nov 17 - CHMMC - fee of \$180 to register 2 teams - Need to pay by Oct 19th - **Total = \$180.00** Mr. Maine will cover the fees first, and the committee will reimburse him.

A motion was made to approve Mr. Maine's request for \$180. The motion was seconded – no opposed/extensions -- and carried unanimously.

Ms. Rademaker: USC Conference college workshop fee of \$65 fee and UC college workshop fee of \$40 **Total = \$105.00**

A motion was made to approve Ms. Rademaker's request reimbursement of \$105. Seconded - no opposed/extensions - Motion carried unanimously.

#### **6. Advocacy Update - Jennifer**

Ms Richardson, our new Science Teacher: still waiting to be upgraded on the list at LAUSD for full-time teacher. Right now she is still listed as a substitute teacher, which means she gets no benefits. Working to make this happen fast. Ms. Richardson is getting info from UCLA for her 3rd credential - but this will happen soon enough.

## 7. Volunteer Update - Bob

Volunteer Coordinator and Asst.: Laura & Fern need to work with clubs and Mr. Bradbury to address the issue of trips for school clubs.

Schools Clubs need teacher sponsors & must have a credentialed LAUSD adult to accompany them on their trips/competitions. Most are held on the weekends. The FHGM is happy to pay them a stipend, but we need to find teachers willing to do this.

Request Asst VP Zipure Kivork: to find out who, from the NHHS staff of 115 teachers, would like to help us with this situation. Also find out what the appropriate stipend would be to pay to a teacher for accompanying clubs on their trips on weekends etc.

## 8. Fundraising Update - Peter

Peter will start sending out the fundraising letters by end of Sept. Needs to get any forms that have already been turned in for donations.

HGM Alumni: Want to send them a facebook post AND a letter to the past alumni. Fern will contact Dylan, an alumni, to get a list of alumni for Peter.

HGM Website: Put Pay-pal button on the HGM website (linked to FHGM acct at Bank of America) - Michel Algazi will help set this up so donations can be made on our HGM website.

## 10. Old Business -- Bob

Fall SAT/PSAT Bootcamp (9/29 & 9/30): This helps students to qualify for National Merit. Deadline to enroll is 9/26 - to date we have 26 students enrolled.

Turnitin.com: Fee for this website that checks for plagiarism is \$ 2143.80 due 9/30. (The cost for this is split 3 ways between FHGM, the Zoo Magnet, who will pay us their portion later, and HSAS who pays us in non-monetary ways by providing FHGM with substitute teachers, janitors etc. on an as-need basis.)

A motion was made to pay the Turn it in.com fee for \$2143.80. Seconded - no opposed/extensions - Motion carried unanimously without objection.

Leadership Council: Mr. Bradbury advised that the HGM parent representatives from last year (Deborah Shulman & Laura Hoffman) will remain on the Council this year. We

hope they will attend FHGM board meetings and report their findings. Student Member elected: Weston Jackson (Roxanne Heston, elected as alternate) -- both 12 graders.

### **11. New Business – Bob**

Winter Potluck: Nov 30, 2012 is the new date - Olivia Naturman will be the Coordinator of this event (she did this last year).

Directors and Officers Insurance: for the Board. Jennifer will look into rates and we will discuss if this is really needed or not.

Alumni Career Day: - Fern will investigate this and report back to us.

HGM Sweatshirts/Tee-Shirts: Order more for the Winter Potluck - ask Aviva Heston

### **12. Monthly Meetings – Bob**

Agreed to hold Board Meetings on a monthly basis on the 3rd Monday of every month from 7pm to 8:30pm in Kennedy RM 109. (note some meetings were changed to accommodate school holidays)

#### **HGM Board Meetings Calendar:**

OCT: Mon - 10/15

NOV: Wed - 11/14

DEC: Mon - 12/10

JAN: Mon - 01/14

FEB: Wed - 02/13

MAR: Mon - 03/18

APR: Mon - 04/15

MAY: Mon - 05/20

### **13. Next Meeting – Bob**

Mon, Oct 15, 2012 at 7pm in Kennedy 109.

### **14. Adjournment – Bob**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously without objection.