

MINUTES OF FHGM BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2014

INTRODUCTIONS/SIGN IN

A meeting of the Friends of HGM Board was held in the NHHS Auditorium on Monday, February 10, 2014. The meeting followed an informational session with HGM 9th grade parents/students, HGM Counselor Jo Rademaker, and NHHS Counselor Loretta Hultman.

Peter Benn, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Introductions were made, and those in attendance were as follows:

- Peter Benn, President; Jennifer King, Vice President; Laura Frazin Steele, Secretary; Steven Caraco, Treasurer; and Board members Peter Hahn, Michel Algazi, and Liz Harris.
- Zepure Kivork, NHHS Assistant Principal and Ethan Bradbury, HGM Coordinator.
- Guests who attended all or a portion of the meeting include Jay Steinberg, Sunny Shim, Marie Song, Radhika Athota, Carol Sdorzano, and Vinay Goyal.

Minutes were taken by Laura.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the January 13, 2014 Board meeting were approved.

Peter B. and Liz Harris, who took minutes at the December 9, 2013 Board meeting, will correct minutes from the December 9 Board meeting and forward them to Michel Algazi to post on the website.

TREASURER REPORT/BUDGET

Steven Caraco presented the FHGM Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss as of December 2013 showing current assets in the checking account at \$46,031.24 and savings account at \$102,468.54 totaling \$148,499.78. Total assets, including fixed assets, were \$160,353.54. Net income for December 2013 was \$3,832.91

Steven also presented the FHGM Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss as of January 31, 2014 showing current assets in the checking account at \$46,600.93 and savings account at \$103,487.24 totaling \$150,088.17. Total assets, including fixed assets, were at \$162,196.10. Net income for January 2014 was \$1,842.56.

Steven noted funds in the December 2013 and January 2014 Profit & Loss that he questions. When deposits are made, Steven is sometimes unsure about how to allocate revenue to the proper account.

Steven would welcome assistance with his duties as Treasurer if someone is available.

COORDINATOR REPORT/FACULTY REQUESTS

Mr. Bradbury thanked FHGM for the new stools and lab tables in Ms. Richardson's classroom.

Kersten Peppermueller has worked 68.5 hours in the past 3 months. As previously approved (see October/November 2013 minutes), Kersten will be paid at the rate of \$18/hr.

Ms. Lee requested reimbursement for mileage to a Palm Springs conference. Mileage is an approved budget item, and Ms. Lee will be reimbursed at \$0.56/mi.

The Robotics (a.k.a. First Robotics) team will be competing in San Diego on March 6-8, 2014 and Long Beach on March 20-22, 2014. Per LAUSD requirements, the team must be chaperoned by credentialed, certificated personnel. Mr. Bradbury and Ms. Kivork will possibly be chaperoning, and will be staying at a hotel (TBD). A motion was made, seconded, and passed to fund hotel costs for Mr. Bradbury and Ms. Kivork (or another chaperone in her place) for 3 nights in San Diego and 3 nights in Long Beach with the exact cost of the lodging TBD in addition to food/mileage costs per LAUSD per diem rates.

LAUSD will no longer sign contracts with tour companies to provide buses for grad night, but instead, requests that contracts be signed by parent groups. FHGM has been approached by NHHS to sign the contract for Grad Night 2014. A discussion about liability and insurance coverage followed. HGM parent Jay Steinberg volunteered to research this matter further. Laura will contact the FHGM insurance carrier to obtain a quote.

STUDENT EVENTS/COMPETITIONS

HGM student Evelyn Florentine addressed the Board on behalf of the Robotics (a.k.a. First Robotics) team. Robotics will be competing in San Diego on March 6-8, 2014 and Long Beach on March 20-22, 2014. The team will receive a grant from Disney to fund the entry fees for one competition. Currently, FHGM has budgeted \$2,000 to cover security for Robotics; instead, Robotics asked for permission to use the \$2,000 to cover entry fees for the second competition. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to allow Robotics to use the \$2,000 previously allocated for security toward entry fees for the Long Beach competition.

HGM student Dana Sirota and NHHS faculty Mr. Lewis addressed the Board on behalf of a separate Robotics team (a.k.a. Botball). Ms. Sirota and Mr. Lewis requested that FHGM fund \$150 for new Lego pieces and \$200 for Gameboard construction totaling \$350. Additionally, Botball is currently looking for funding for \$2,200 to cover registration fees. To date, Nissan, Toyota, Ford, Intel, and Toshiba denied Botball's requests for sponsorship/grants. The Botball team is continuing to pursue other companies, including KIPR. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for FHGM to fund up to \$2,550 for the Botball competition with the understanding that the team is continuing to look for grants/sponsors.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Peter Benn discussed counseling for 11th grade students, which has the largest class size in recent years (25-30 additional students as compared to last year).

VICE PRESIDENT/ADVOCACY REPORT

FHGM made a donation to the National Parks Conservation Association in memory of Mr. Bradbury's father. Jennifer read a thank you letter from Mr. Bradbury's mother.

Barbara Jones is the new contact in Tamar Galatzan's office.

Jennifer will contact Tamar Galatzan's office to advocate for changing the requirement that the PSAT can no longer be administered on a Saturday.

In response to the Local Control Funding Formula, Ms. Galatzan is requesting parent input from two committees: ESL students and a board representing foster children and homeless children. It is possible that parent representatives have been chosen from the school site council. Jennifer will look into this.

Jennifer will draft a letter that will be eblasted to HGM families so they can write their LAUSD Board member requesting the purchase of AP Chemistry and Biology textbooks that meet the standards of AP exams.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

Brad Blick was not at the meeting to report on alumni relations.

FUNDRAISING

Peter Hahn is not pleased with fundraising efforts to date. At this point last year, FHGM raised \$40,000 through the annual drive. However, to date the 2013-2014 annual drive has raised \$20,000. Peter Hahn, Peter Benn, and Liz Harris will contact parents who have not donated to the annual drive.

COMMUNICATIONS/FHGM WEBSITE

Michel Algazi reported that Ms. Kivork's new computer should be purchased shortly.

Michel and Mina reported that computers for Ms. Richardson's classroom have been ordered.

Ruth Otarola Linan and Yazmin Peebles are sending out all email blasts through MailChimp, per Michel.

The names of graduation seniors will be entered into an alumni database, per Michel.

The next FHGM Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by Peter Benn at 9:00 p.m.