

# Serra High School Foundation

## Minutes of Board Meeting

**January 5, 2005**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Frank DeBaca at 6:35 p.m., with agenda presented. Attendees listed in attached sign-in sheet.

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the November 3, 2004 Foundation Board meeting (attached as **Appendix A**) were reviewed. A motion was made by Mike Kosty to approve the minutes with corrections to name spellings, seconded by Betty King, voted on and unanimously approved.

### **President's Report**

- **Corner project**

Frank provided an update. Jim Maddaffer's office indicated that a vote is likely this year regarding funding of maintenance by City. It will be piggy-backed on another issue.

- **Special Projects**

Rob Wright reported that he had talked to two architects to discuss future plans with Donna Somerville and Jeff Thomas. Rob suggested that the Foundation authorize a payment of approximately \$400-500 for a preliminary meeting, which would provide greater incentive for architects to become involved and provide meaningful contributions. The goal would be to develop a concept drawing. There may be additional costs, although Rob felt that some work would be donated. Donna Somerville reported that approximately \$15,000 MM Funds allocated for the improvements. A motion was made by Lee Vanderhurst to approve the suggested funding, seconded by Kim Gotfredson, voted on and unanimously approved.

- **Scoreboard**

Frank reported that still working to improve scoreboard for football field. Also reported that Foundation received a thank you from Coach Basteyns.

- **Buick Invitational Tickets**

Frank reported on behalf of Doug Sommer that he had tickets for the Buick Invitational. After discussion, some tickets would be donated to business owners that contributed significantly to Serra High.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Cathy Lajarraga provided a written Treasurers report (attached as **Appendix B**). The Foundation has approximately \$67,700 in total assets, subject to allocations for grants. A motion to approve the treasurer's written report as submitted was made by Mike Kosty, seconded by Sheri Duncan, voted on and unanimously approved.

### **Principal's Report**

Donna Summerville wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked those Foundation members who sent her a Christmas card. First semester is almost completed and she expects good feedback regarding performance as well as opportunity to further work with parents to improve. She also expressed optimism that the students will finish strong in the Spring semester as well. She acknowledged glitches (e.g., Fall Sports Recognition Night) and pledged stronger efforts to improve the next recognition night in March. Donna also formally introduced new vice principal, Kurt Madden. Mr. Madden provided a little background on his career and family.

### **School Operations Report**

Jeff Thomas reported that the school has had significant technology improvements over the last eight months. Email addresses will change and a current list will be published in the next **Serra Spirit**. The Yearbook program also is benefiting from the technology improvements, as well as from the Foundation's support. The school also had a very positive Winter Ball, presented with a Winter Choir. In addition, the message center in connection with the marquis is progressing: the assigned project manager has been on site to confirm electrical and structural integrity. The fields are a work in progress, especially with the recent rains.

### **Athletic Director's Report**

Coach Pisapia reported that the some of the winter sports are in league play currently. Soccer games may be postponed as the result of field conditions. Students are making greater use of the weight room. The Foundation banner also is in the gym. Snack bar for basketball games has progressed well. This Friday, January 7th is the first basketball game. Coach also thanked the Foundation again for the scorer's table, which continues to get compliments. The trophy case is still promised. The football scoreboard remains a necessary need for the school and alternatives are being considered.

### **Teachers Report**

Carlie Spears reported that there is 36 faculty that has become members, but feels that more would participate. Carlie suggested other areas of replacement or repair/improvement for future planning, such as bleachers in the gym.

### **Membership Report**

Denise Stevens reported that there are two new members, and membership is status quo otherwise. There was further discussion how greater interest could be generated among staff and teachers. Leslie suggested that the individual teachers contribute in many ways, including using own funds for teaching materials or supplies. Discussion followed regarding strategies that accomplished a dual goal of supplementing teacher needs as well as school physical improvement.

### **Grant Committee Report**

Steve Donner not present but Frank reported that the grants request process has begun.

### **Dinner Auction Report**

Susan Whitacre reported that date is April 9<sup>th</sup> and the theme is "Fiesta." Looking at a buffet, having background music consistent with theme. They are asking booster clubs, bands, sports, etc., to contribute a basket. Still need donors of goods and services. Susan present forms for use, which also are on the website. Further discussion regarding stimulate

### **Web Master Report**

Barbara Lefkarites reported that she had nothing new to report other than renewing hosting contract. Need to have the auction portion updated.

### **Football/Basketball Snackbar Report**

Christine Eden not available for report. Mike Kosty did analysis of income stream for snack bar and concluded that there was a downward trend. It may be a possible theft issue, but Mike suggested a committee to analyze costs and research prices with a view to increase.

### **Sports and Activity Recognition Night**

Carole Lebuda reported she is encouraged by school's commitment to avoid future glitches.

### **Publicity Report**

Billye Sue Dobosz reported that article goes in this Friday with a focus on the auction. Tierra Times has gotten more active in having a column on Serra High events and accomplishments, including the Foundation news.

### **Corporate Fundraising & Tierrasanta Recreation Center Report**

Linda Juhasz reported that year to date, we have earned \$2,700 from Albertsons. Rec Council will be looking at joint use issues in upper fields. Possible that AYSO may be contributing funds to improve fields. The gymnasium apparently charges too much money, but improvements have been made.

### **Buick Open Report**

Doug Sommers reported that the typical activities at this stage are in progress.

### **New Business**

### **Adjourn**

President Frank DeBaca adjourned the business meeting at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the school media center.