



Serra High School Foundation General Meeting
Wednesday November 2, 2005
Approved minutes December 7, 2005

Serra Foundation Mission Statement:

Improve the future quality of life in our community through enhancing academic and athletic programs at Serra High School

Serra Foundation Website: www.serrafoundation.org

A. Call to order:

Meeting was called to order by Bob Walters at 6:35 p.m. Introductions of all in attendance was made. Signed-in attendees totaled 27.

B. Informational Items

Presidents Report: Bob held further discussions regarding the new concept for future meetings.

Principals Report: Donna Somerville, Principal thanked attendees for the great showing of the Oct. 27th Team 8 Community School meeting introducing new School Superintendent Dr. Carl Cohn. Coming up on Nov 9th is a Volunteer Recognition breakfast for school volunteers and business partners.

Parent Volunteer Liaison: Donna Guevara requested that any one volunteering at the school must fill out a volunteer form. This only needs to be done once unless there are changes to your information.

School Operations Report: Jeff Thomas reported there is a change to the return date for Winter Break. Students will be returning on Jan. 3rd NOT the 2nd, 2006

Dean of Students: Leslie McDonald reported that all Focus activities for the 9th grade and all Sophomore Humanities activities for the 10th grade are going very well.

Athletic Director: Jonn Pisapia reported that Womens Tennis was advancing to individual CIF play. Womens Volleyball has their last met coming up and they are on the bubble to advance. Nov. 12th is the start of the Winter Sports Season.

Teachers Report: Keri Pisapia absent and no report

PTSA Report: Carol Mundell, PTSA Treasurer reported for President Scott Jacobs. Carol shared that PTSA was in the process of reviewing the budget. They might approach teachers for a needs list. PTSA also wants to better promote their Recycle Cartridge programs which included printer cartridges, cell phones and laptop computers.

Committee Reports: Submitted written report will be listed first and any further discussion at the meeting will follow with a different typeface.

Membership: Attached please find an update of Foundation Membership. We have gained 9 new members since our last meeting. If I do not make the meeting can you please ask everyone to continue to spread the word about joining. Now that everything has settled down I will continue to remind the faculty and staff about the Foundation and continue my letters to the alumni. Are we going to have a Tuesday Morning breakfast for the staff at the school? When we did that last year we had an increase of membership.

Contd Membership: Discussion of Denises question about a staff breakfast resulted in needing to find a volunteer to lead the breakfast. This is be tabled until the Dec meeting. Kim Gotfredson reported on the Membership Party hosted at the Browns. The turnout was good with about 75 people attending. Thanks for the awesome food.

Auction Report: Report by Lori Olsen/Susan Whitacre. We met last Monday to further plan our committees and make basic decisions about this years event. Serra Safari is this years theme. Auction will include dinner this year. We want to invite past presidents of the Foundation to give more traditional relevance and perspective. Were considering recorded music, perhaps steel drum to fit our theme. Acquisitions will send out letters to our usual donors by mid-November. Committees will meet on their own, between regular auction meetings which weve scheduled. Notices have gone out to all faculty that sponsor a club or team at the school, requesting donations from each org. Notifications will also be on the web at the Serra site. Save the date to attend the auction, March 18, 2006.

Sports and Activities Recognition Night: Reported by Carole LaBuda. Fall Sports Recognition Night will be Tuesday, December 6th. We will need photos from all the teams to make the video. The time was finalized as 6:30 p.m.

Webmaster Report: Reported by Barbara Lefkarites. Corporate Sponsors were added to the homepage of the Foundation website. They include Treebeard Landscape, Adjust Physical Therapy, Tierramesa Veterinary Clinic, and Kiwanis Club of Tierrasanta. Website statistics show that in one year (from November 2004 through October 2005) we have had a total of 12,946 visits to the site and 154,589 hits. The site averages approximately 40 visitors per day and 400 hits per day.

Snack Bar: Reported by Don Nacrelli. Since the last meeting, our homecoming snack bar grossed \$ 3,114. There are 2 more home games, then on to basketball season. As of this date, the basketball schedule is not yet posted, but my daughter has confirmed the cheer details confirmed more than 3 home games. Don was asked if he has any details for future equipment needs either for the football or basketball snack bars. He is still looking into that. He also reported that the electrical was checked out and is OK.

Corporate Fundraising & Tierrasanta Recreation Council: Reported by Linda Juhasz. Everyone who is using Schoolpop.com should know that they are in bankruptcy but THIS WILL NOT EFFECT ANY ONE USING THE PROGRAM AND WE WILL STILL GET OUR MONEY. Also if anyone is enrolled in Escrip/Vons, they MUST go to Vons website and renew their commitment to the Escrip or we will stop getting their contribution. Tierrasanta Rec. Council is reviewing the Serra Joint Use agreement which is being pushed through City Council. This document will be in effect for the next 25 years and must be closely reviewed by all user groups to see any and all ramifications. This should be the primary focus of their next meeting on Nov. 10th at 7 p.m. at the Rec. Center. All interested parties are welcome.

C. Action Items

Minutes of the Oct. 5th meeting: Kathy Lejarraga made a motion to approve minutes with corrections to 3 names. The motion was seconded by Kim Gotfredson and the motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Kathy Lejarraga presented Treasurers Report showing an Oct 29th, 2005 balance of \$ 89,299.84. QUESTIONS WERE ASKED ABOUT DESIGNATED AND RESTRICTED FUNDS. MORE INFORMATION MAY BE FORTHCOMING ABOUT THESE ACCOUNTS. MOTION FOR APPROVAL WAS MADE BY PETER DUNCAN AND SECONDED BY DON NACRELLI. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Fundraising Idea: Reported by Laurinda Owens. I am suggesting a fundraiser in which the Foundation could order some custom-made bumper stickers. The idea is for the stickers to read something like Serra High School or Go Serra High or whatever and to have symbols of all of the team sports around the bumper sticker to represent tennis, soccer, football, LAX, and so on. Or, you could do individual team sports bumper stickers but I like the first idea better. They could then be sold at the football games, etc., for \$ 1 to \$ 3 each to cover the cost of making them. They would foster/promote school spirit, etc.! I also saw a vinyl cling-on that was used by Serra Girls LAX one year. Whatever works! Personally, I laminate mine and stick them to the inside of my back car window with scotch tape (that way they do not adhere permanently to the car). Laurinda presented the bumper sticker fundraiser idea. Bob asked for options to get this get this off the ground. Motion was made by Peter Duncan and seconded by Don Nacrelli to spend up to \$ 150 to create a trial run of bumper stickers which will be sold for \$ 3 each. Since football is over, these would be offered at Sports Recognition Night and also research selling at the Student Store. If successful, a cling-on version might be offered. Motion was approved unanimously.

Committee to Investigate Scoreboard Options. Jonn Pisapia reported. Last year, this concept was introduced and possible alternatives were investigated. It requires a committee that can devote more time to this important issue. The football scoreboard is problematic and requires constant maintenance due to age. A scoreboard that could be utilized for a variety of sports including football, soccer, field hockey, track, etc., should be considered. The committee would investigate alternatives and report back to Foundation at February meeting regarding recommendations. The committee would be made up of a parent and school administration/site representative, as well as representatives from sports that would utilize the scoreboard. Obviously, cost will be a consideration and the objective would be to try to get as much as we

can. Once the Foundation has preliminary information, the committee would have oversight regarding the project in conjunction with school administration. Joe DAMato is being suggested as temporary chair. Jonn explained that the board needs to be same size and electrical needs as the current board. We may want to look into a wireless version. Committee to report back at Feb 2006 meeting. The first step will be to get district standard vendors information. Joe DAMato will be chair.

Outstanding Grant Requests: Two grant requests were sent to the Foundation.

Cita Vongsathian and **Christina Milovancev** grant requests were tabled with no action taken. One of the deadlines past for the money needed and the other was an alumni which we didnt feel we could assist at this time. SERRA AQUATICS GRANT REQUEST: MINDY BORTNESS ON BEHALF OF THE SERRA AQUATICS ASKED FOR THEIR GRANT REQUEST TO BE RECONSIDERED. MINDY STATED THAT THE TEAM WILL GREATLY BENEFIT BY HAVING A BUS TO TAKE WOMENS WATER POLO TO PRACTICES AT ALLIED GARDENS POOL. THIS TIME TOGETHER WILL HOPEFULLY IMPROVE THEIR TEAMWORK AND HELP ACADEMICALLY. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LEE VANDERHURST AND SECONDED BY TOM DEMBINSKI TO APPROVE \$ 4,392 TO PAY FOR A BUS FOR THE ENTIRE WOMENS WATER POLO SEASON TO TAKE THEM TO PRACTICE AT ALLIED GARDENS POOL. THIS GRANT IS BEING MADE BECAUSE OF THE EMERGENCY NATURE AND SHORT TIME LINE OF NOTICE ABOUT THE POOL CLOSURE AND DOES NOT SET A PRECEDENT NOR GUARANTEES APPROVAL FOR FUTURE YEARS OR OTHER SPORTS. IN ADDITION, ALL PLAYERS MUST RIDE THE BUS BOTH TO AND FROM THE PRACTICES. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business: Leslie McDonald is in need of a host family for a boy who is in the exchange program. He will be here through June.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Juhasz, Secretary.

Next meeting, Wednesday December 7th 2005 Joint Foundation/PTSA Executive Meeting at 5:30 p.m. and General /Parent Meeting at 6:30 p.m.