

Serra High School Foundation General Board Meeting
Wednesday March 5, 2008

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

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by President S.L. Oleson-Duncan (aka Sheri) at 6:30 p.m. The following persons were in attendance; Sheri Duncan (president/treasurer), Julie Matthews (Assistant Treasurer), Bob Walters (Secretary), Kim Gotfredson (Publicity), Barbara Lefkarites (Webmaster). School personnel in attendance (non-voting) included Mike Jimenez (Principal) Jeff Thomas (Site Ops) and Ernie Biagioni (Varsity Girls Basketball Coach).

INFORMATION ITEMS

Auction Report: Ginger Tyson provided a report of the Auction Committee. The Auction will be on March 8, 2008, at the Town and Country, which will be a Mardi Gras theme. Joe Schmidt and Jeff Thomas thanked for past, current and future activities to promote and work at the event. Entertainment will be provided by acrobatic performers. Teachers were given personal invitations. EB discussed the auction budget for preparing baskets estimated to be about \$600 and solicited (begged) for items to add to baskets. Auction committee has been meeting and making progress. Ginger also thanked Lori Olsen for the support she has provided. Lori also expressed an opinion that grant requests should take into consideration whether the particular group, club, sports team, etc., provided a basket or other support of the Foundation. Next Auction Committee meeting is 6:30, pm, February 13, 2008.

President's Report: Sheri reported that she spoke at a recent meeting of the Kiwanis and brought them up to date with the Foundation events and activities. Sheri also discussed the officers for the upcoming year, which will be voted in at the Auction.

PTSA Report: Maria D'Amato was not present to provide a report.

Principal's Report: Mr. Jimenez reported that the biggest issue was the budget cuts. At present, there will be at least a \$74,000 cut at Serra, which he will be giving attention to in making adjustments at the school site.

School Site Report: Jeff Thomas reported some of the things he is looking at includes reducing the number of Serra Spirit issues (2 from 6). The suggestion that if there were some classes in which students who scored well on the California Standards Test (CST) would get extra credit was taken up and approved by teachers. The school still needs need volunteers to proctor CAHSEE, which will occur on March 11-12. STAR testing will occur April 23rd through May 5th and the Foundation, PTSA and Costco will combine to provide snacks.

Athletic Director's Report: Jon Pisapia reported that winter sports did well. Basketball teams went to CIF playoffs and Girls Water Polo Team advanced farther than ever before.

Membership Report: Sheri reported that we have 187 members. We are off in total membership dollars and there is an increase in designated funds.

ACTION ITEMS

There was not a physical quorum for action items at the meeting and the following would be sent for voting via e-mail.

Follow-up to Winter Grant Committee Recommendations: A Grant Committee recommendation for Freshman League Fees for Girls and Boys Basketball was tabled from last meeting was discussed following additional information regarding background and justification for grant by Jon Pisapia and Mike Jimenez. A motion was duly made to approve the Grant Committee recommendation for the Freshman League Fees for Girls and Boys Basketball was made Barbara Lefkarites and seconded by Julie Matthew.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Julie Matthews presented a written treasurer's report, including Profit and Loss Statement – July 1, 2007 through March 2, 2008 and Balance Sheet as of March 2, 2008, which were emailed in advance of the meeting, and also provided at the meeting (attached hereto as **Appendix A**). A motion was duly made by Kim Gotfredson and seconded by Barb to approve the treasurer's report as supplemented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2008 Meeting: Draft minutes for January 9, 2008, draft Foundation board meeting minutes, which was emailed in advance of the meeting and also provided at the meeting (attached hereto as **Appendix B**). A motion was duly made by Kim Gotfredson and seconded by Barbara Lefkarites to approve the draft minutes.

Follow-up to Winter Grant Committee Recommendations: At the previous Board meeting, the Grant Committee recommended a \$100 grant Rebecca W. to attend the Congressional Youth Leadership Conference. Rebecca had requested a grant of \$250. Because there were two grants that were approved in full by e-mail response to motions submitted to Board members, and a further request was made on behalf of Rebecca to fully fund her request, a motion to approve the balance of her grant request was duly made by Kim Gotfredson and seconded Julie Matthews.

Old Business: Survey results reflected that first priority was that new turf field and track at the football field needs to be remediated, followed by campus beautification. Sheri recommended that the item be tabled until after the auction

New Business: Suggestion that snack bar (made \$5,200 this year compared to \$5,900 last year) be relinquished to football teams and basketball teams and/or other organizations. Also, the Foundation spent \$23,000 more than what was brought in last year. Only had a \$6,000 differential this year.

Second grader also requested to receive a grant.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting, Wednesday April 2, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., Serra High School Media Center.