

**GHAMAS Parents, Friends and Alumni Association meeting minutes  
November 10, 2004**

**I. Meeting called to order:** 6:30 pm

**II. Roll Call and introduction:**

1. Cherrille S. Howard; Sharon DiGioia-Daskal; Lawrence Daskal; Jennifer Chen-Aina; Felicia Bovell; Karyl Sadowski; Walt Sadowski; Audrey Tucker; Shelly Reel; Lynne Axiak; Howard Thiery (GHAMAS director)

2. Discussion of purpose and mission of PFAA by Mr. Howard Thiery. PFAA supports the mission statement of GHAMAS and strives to support and facilitate bringing together the students and families to create a sense of community and an identity as a GHAMAS student.

**III. Creation of a Board:** Discussion of officers, call for volunteers.

co-president: Cherrille S. Howard

co-president: available

secretary: Lynne Axiak

treasurer: Audrey Tucker

**IV. Upcoming Events:**

1. First Friday Flicks (a.k.a. F<sup>3</sup>) popular with the students. They will be choosing future movies.

2. Major Events: scheduled for Saturdays; may be subsidized by school and/or fundraisers. Students pay for a portion.

- a. October—Bronx Zoo: about 100 attended
- b. November—Taste of GHAMAS
- c. January—New York City, choice of museums
- d. February—something outdoors, possibly skiing
- e. March—student-driven/organized dance
- f. April—possibly a family picnic; parents may coordinate
- g. Further information on dates and details should be available by the end of November

3. Other events: Cherille discussed a possible Teacher Appreciation breakfast for the Friday of Teacher Appreciation week in May.

**V. Fundraisers:**

1. Tupperware: Cherille discussed the advantages. We can give the students the booklets as soon as Monday 11/15 and end taking orders 12/1. Orders should be ready in as little as 3 weeks after orders collected.

2. 50-50: a lottery sort of event; tickets must be sold the day of the lottery.

3. Raffle or silent auction with donated gifts. Much discussion re: best time (i.e.: spring event) collection of donated items and running the auction.

4. Tastefully Simple: Lynne discussed advantages to tying this to Open House in the fall. Howard Thiery to ask Sandra to send an e-mail to parents to see if there is a Tastefully Simple representative among them.

5. Art Auction: set up is done by the company. The Sadowski's discussed how they've seen this successfully done for other organizations.

**V. Community Spirit:**

1. Discussion of increasing a sense of community spirit via a can drive at the next FFF.

2. Coat drive discussion. Group discussed when to have this, consensus seemed to be to have it start after the Tupperware fundraiser (12/1) and to end 12/15. Cherille to work with Sandra Garcia on creating a flyer with information to give to the students. Howard Thiery recommended the title: *GHAMAS Neighborhood Warm Drive*.

**VII. Upcoming FPAA meeting dates:**

12/1; 1/5; 2/2; 3/2; 4/6

**VIII. Meeting adjourned: 7:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Axiak