

**GHAMAS Parents, Friends and Alumni Association meeting minutes
December 1, 2004**

I. Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

II. Roll Call and introduction:

1. Cherrille S. Howard; Sharon DiGioia-Daskal; Lawrence Daskal; Felicia Bovell; Karyl Sadowski; Walt Sadowski; Audrey Tucker; Susan Piescik; Patrese Bielinski; Lynne Axiak; Kledia Myrtolli (student rep); Howard Thiery (GHAMAS director)

2. Minutes from Nov 10 meeting: motion to approve made by Audrey Tucker, approved.

III. Officer Reports:

co-president: Cherrille S. Howard: Still need a co-president

treasurer: Audrey Tucker: no finances; spreadsheet displayed. (nice job Audrey!)

IV. Fundraisers:

1. Tupperware: Cherrille reports that new ending date is 12/8. Brochures mailed using \$115 for postage. Parent-to-parent mailing is more efficient and to the point of the purpose of the FPAA.

2. Warm drive: Collection of used coats/mittens/etc postponed because the students have a food drive in the works, which starts during the First Friday Flick. Kledia reports that there will be boxes set up in the school for food collection. FPAA would like to give full support to this effort before scheduling another drive.

3. Silent Auction: to be held during April Picnic. --need a committee to help organize and run. Audrey willing to set up web pages for generation of donations as well as information on items up for auction, as well as be the coordinator of the event. (THANK YOU AUDREY!) She requires a committee to help with this large event.

--Flyer to ask for donations to be generated, tax-deduction status of donated item to be mentioned.

4. Tastefully Simple: to be held during Open House 2005, Lynne to send list of company reps to Sandra to see if any names are GHAMAS-connected.

IV. Director Report:

1. Taste of GHAMAS successful. 73-75 people attended, 20+ nations represented. Suggestions for improvements include a slide show of the various countries represented as well as generating a cookbook.

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

a. January--New York City, choice of museums Metropolitan Museum Art or Natural Science

b. February-- 2/2/05 Ski/outdoor events at Butternut Basin. Possibly the bus will be paid for, individual activities to be paid for by students.

c. March--student-driven/organized dance, Kledia is on the committee for that. She is currently deciding on the best date so that all possible students can attend.

V. New Business:

1. Silent Auction discussion: Need a liason between school administration and picnic/auction. Audrey Tucker has agreed to be the co-coordinator of the event, the e-mail for this is SilentAuction@HugandKiss.com Web site can be accessed at: <http://www.hugandkiss.com/pffa/silent-auction.htm> Cherrille is willing to draft a flyer to let other parents know about the event, request help and donations.

2. Mr. Thiery discussed the Brain Bee, an event put on by the Neuroscience Association, which is to be hosted by GHAMAS this year. The event is on 2/5/05, initiated, organized by Bhakti Nagella, last years International winner of the event. (and also a student at GHAMAS!) This is a whole day event, with prizes awarded, including a trip for two (student plus chaperone) to the International Neuroscience Association's headquarters in Baltimore. Bhakti is willing to tutor students for this event, she can be reached at BrainBee@crec.org

VII. Upcoming FPAA meeting dates:

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

VIII. Meeting adjourned: 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Axiak