

Goshen Parent Community (GPC) Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2017

Attendees: Katherine Baker, Erin Robins, Cathy Beck, Jeanne Czubaroff, Diane Damadio, Kim Hynes, Mimi Ackers, Liz Koshgerian, Gina Hart

1. **Valentine's Dance Party** - Sponsored by the Goshen Parent Community, proceeds support next year's 5th Grade class trip to Washington, DC

When: **Friday, February 10, 5-7pm**

Where: **Goshen Friends School – Grange**

- **Cost: \$10/child, \$25 max/family**
- Please make checks payable to **"Goshen Parent Community"**
- Can't commit? Walk ups welcome!
- Please use the **Sign Up Genius link to volunteer**
- **Lower School students are working with Tr Ginger on a special song and dance to perform, "Viva valentine"!**
- **Parking** – We have permit for parking at East Goshen Elementary
- **Discussed opening this event up to the Public** – GPC group in attendance agreed
- **Decorating setup begins at 1pm – please join the fun!**
- **Music – Erin Robins**
- **Ela Kaitz, Treasurer** - Creating list of names who paid
- **Mimi Ackers** – Will order pizza and ensure we have petty cash for walk ups
- **Ticket Takers** – (Check off names of those who paid, handle walk ups)
 - **5-5:30 (2 slots) – Suzanne Moussa, Diane Damadio**
 - **5:30-6 (2 slots) – Cathy Beck, Cathy's niece**
 - **6-6:30 (2 slots) – OPEN Add slots to signup genius**

2. **Upcoming Restaurant Night:**

- **Tuesday, February 21st, 5-9pm at the Pour House** in Exton
- You can find the link to the flyer in The Goshen Weekly, a flyer will also be sent in backpacks

3. **Future GPC Meetings** – Group discussed rotating GPC meetings to the evening to accommodate varying schedules.

- **March: NEXT GPC meeting will be Wednesday, March 1st from 7-8pm in the EVENING in the Meeting House.**
- April: April 7th will be Friday morning at 9am in the Meeting House.
- May: Our final GPC meeting of the school year will be at Jeanne Czubaroff's house on Thursday, May 4th at 7pm.
- All parents are welcome and encouraged to join these GPC meetings. Extended Care for younger siblings is available for no charge, if reserved in advance (extendedcare@goshenfriends.org).
- Meeting minutes will always be provided, but it is so helpful to have input and volunteers attend these meetings. If you haven't joined us yet this year, please consider making it to one of the upcoming meetings in March, April or May!

4. **Parent's Night Out – Hooray!!** Lookout for a flyer in backpacks coming home soon.

- **Friday, March 3rd from 5:30-8pm** in the Extended Care Room

- **Cost: \$20/1st child, \$5/additional child, \$30 Max/family**
- Care provided by the Extended Care staff – THANK YOU!!
- **Includes: Pizza, fruit tray, crafts and activities**

5. Box Tops – Keep saving Box Tops for a final collection in the Spring! We are working on an incentive to increase this number.

6. Staff Appreciation Day was Jan 17th – Thank you to all the parents for donations, and a BIG thank you to all of the GFS Staff for all you do EVERY day!

7. Spring Book Fair – Coordinated by the GPC, proceeds go to the school library.

When: **Week of March 10-16th** (week prior to Spring Break)

Where: **Barnes & Noble, Exton**

Coordinators: **Jeanne Czubaroff and Kim Hynes**

Event Night: **Tuesday, March 14th, 5-7pm**

Proceeds: If sales revenue is \$0-\$2K from café and book sales, we'll earn 10%. This is for the entire Book Fair week. If revenue is above \$2K, we'll receive 15% of the event proceeds.

Online Code: You can purchase online or INVITE Family and Friends to support our school by sharing out school Book Fair Reference #. Flyer with Reference code will be provided soon.

Activities:

- **Bookmark making station**
- **Cupcake Decorating (you must reserve your cupcake in advance)**
- **Guest Teacher and Staff Readers!!**
- TBD – Another Restaurant Night at SNAP pizza?
- Have ideas? Please share with Jeanne Czubaroff and Kim Hynes

Responsibilities:

Mimi Ackers – Will bring Goshen Friends Banner and marketing materials, provide Kim H with list of teachers/staff for book lists

Kim Hynes – Will coordinate receiving book lists from Teachers and providing to Barnes and Noble

8. Treasury Report:

GPC Treasury Balance as of Jan 9th - \$4,674.75

Note: this does not include the funds raised through the Scripts/gift cards (~\$450+)

- Upcoming Expenses – Will need to reserve ~2,500 for Fall Harvest Fair - Activities, craft supplies, prizes, etc.
- Ela K to confirm Total Harvest Fair cost/expenses and provide to Co-Clerks
- **\$1,000 Pledge to the Revitalization of the Playground**
 - The General Committee is working on drafting a grant to revitalize the campus playground. In an effort to support this grant request, the GPC offered to pledge \$1K from the GPC Treasury for this project.
- Upcoming GPC Fundraising Activities:
 1. Restaurant Nights
 - Pour House, Tuesday, Feb 21st

- TBD - SNAP Pizza to coincide with Book Fair Event?
 - TBD – Iron Hill, Panera Bread, Victory Brewing
2. Box Tops
 3. Spring Scripts sale

Note: These upcoming fundraisers are not for the GPC. Valentine's Dance Party, Book Fair, 5K

9. Mimi Ackers Updates – Volunteer Opportunities:

- GFS is hosting a **Diversity Workshop on Saturday, April 22nd, 2017** – We will need GFS Parents to help with various activities - serving lunch, setting up, help ushering children around. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Mimi Ackers.
- **International Week – April 24th-28th – Will need volunteers to help decorate on Sunday, April 23rd, GPC will provide funds.** This year's countries of study are **Brazil, Nepal and Switzerland.**
- **Get Going for Goshen 5K and Kids' Fun Run – Saturday, April 1st** – Starts on campus – will provide end of the run refreshments, will need volunteers
- **Preschool Open House, Saturday, May 6th 2017, 10am-Noon** – Looking for Preschool Parent Ambassadors, and help with crafts, bounce House, etc.

GPC Committee Contacts and Information

Co-Clerks: Jeanne Czubaroff, jeannekan@gmail.com; Cathy Beck, Cathybeck66@gmail.com

Treasurer: Ela Kaitz, Ela17@verizon.net

Recording Clerk: Diane Damadio, diane.damadio@gmail.com

GPC Fundraisers and Volunteer Coordinators:

- **Scripts “gift cards”:** Gina Hahm (hart.gina@gmail.com) – Raised \$426.08
- **Kid Stuff “Coupon Books”:** Katherine Baker (katherinebaker245@gmail.com) – Raised \$500
- **Restaurant Night:** Kim Quereau (kimberkkb@gmail.com); Goal is 3 nights/year, 1st was November 17th at SNAP Pizza; 2nd is Feb 21st 5-9pm at the Pour House in Exton.
- **Box Tops:** Holly Anzuena (hanzuena@gmail.com); Please keep saving Box Tops at home!
- **Book Fair:** Jeanne Czubaroff (jeannekan@gmail.com) March 14th 5-7pm at Barnes and Noble in Exton

Three Ways to automatically donate to Goshen Friends School when you Shop!

1. **Amazon Smile:** www.Smile.Amazon.com – Follow the quick steps to select Goshen Friends as your charity. Only purchases at smile.amazon.com, (not www.amazon.com or the mobile app,) support a charity. Look for the AmazonSmile badge in [Your Orders](#) to see which of your orders have supported charity.
 2. **Giant A+ Rewards Program:** Did you know that you can designate Goshen Friends School to receive a cash donation every time you shop at your local Giant food store?
 - a. **Please register your BONUSCARD and select Goshen Friends:** <http://giantfood.com/savings-and-rewards/rewards-program/aplus/>
 - b. If you registered GFS last year, you do not need to re-register.
 3. **Target’s “Take Charge of Education” program:** Did you know that you can designate Goshen Friends School to receive 1% of your total purchase when you shop at your local Target store? If you have any of the Target credit cards, please consider going to www.Target.com/tcoe to sign up and select Goshen Friends as your school. (Please note a news article published this week, 9/14/16, stated this will be the last year for this program.)
 - Program officially ends on May 14, 2016
 - Redcard holders can still sign up for the program or change their designated school until the last day
 - Schools can continue to sign up for the program through Jan. 30, 2016
 - Schools will receive a final check by July 1, 2016
 - Target will send a final grant to schools by July 1 to help in the 2016-2017 school year
 - Read the article here: <http://www.startribune.com/target-will-end-school-charity-program-shift-giving-focus-to-wellness/327423181/>
- **Parents if you are aware of other opportunities to support our school and activities, please share information to someone on the GPC Committee, thank you.**