

Minutes
Friends of ANLC
November 16, 2009 Meeting

Diane Sanders brought the meeting to order at 6:03. We had a quorum present.

She introduced Don MacWilliam, of the Arcadia High baseball team Booster Club, who described AHS's buy-a brick fundraiser for retrofitting the entire baseball field. More information is available at <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=atbaseball> and <http://arcadiapto.homestead.com/Baseball-Brick-Order-Form.html>.

There were motions to approve the October meeting minutes and accepted by all.

The Principal's Report:

- The Fall Festival-Science Spooktacular went very well.
- The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Wellness Walk is tomorrow.
- This Friday is our Thanksgiving Lunch which will be a bar-b-q lunch.
- Mr. Grisier had four student monitoring meetings with all teachers to identify all students' progress and make a plan as needed.
- He ordered 15 tablets (mini-laptops) for the school and 1 cart to be used as part of our Headsprout program.
- He gave an overview of the SUSD budget situation. There is a lot of work going on with the District and principals to come up with alternative ways to reduce expenses for next school year.
- Early release Dec. 2
- Winter Concert Dec. 3 from 5 – 8 p.m.
- ANLC Spelling Bee Dec. 9 (later changed to Dec 15th).
- ANLC is bringing the "Not My Kid" program here to give kids and parents information concerning substance abuse and Internet safety which will include two parent nights as well as talks with the 7th and 8th grade students.

Librarian Bonnie Kertman reminded us that the Book Fair starts on November 30. Dec. 1 will be previews and shopping will be Dec. 2 and 3. The Bikes for Books drawing will be held on Dec. 9. Children who have read 1000 minutes will be in a raffle for a new bike.

Campus Beautification Report: Val Norris reported that because of changes in her schedule, she soon needs to turn over her part of this project to someone else. There is a \$24,000 budget from past fundraising and a plan has been presented to Mr. Grisier. There was a discussion of alternative ways to proceed that will be explored so the project can be completed as soon as possible

Diane Sanders noted that servers are needed for the Thanksgiving barbeque this Friday.

Fall Fundraiser Update: We are at \$2,000 so far out of our \$20,000 goal. The Friends' fundraising goal is to buy 30 wireless notebook computers, 2 laptop carts, video equipment, and software for the school.

There was a discussion regarding school-parent communications including the newsletter (length, readership level, method of measuring effectiveness) and email blasts. We may choose to address this issue in a smaller group at some time.

President's Report: Diane is on the SUSD Time Task Force, a committee of district teachers, administrators, and parents looking at how time is used for student instruction and teacher development. They will make recommendations to Superintendent Catalani before the end of the school year.

Lou Rodarte noted that the Multi-Cultural Exploration Friday will be Dec. 4 and we have some amazing instructors and classes.

Margaret Ann Lippincott – no secretary report

Maria Kitkowski – directory should be back from printers within the week. We raised \$500 in advertising which should cover the costs of the printing.

Bonnie Kertman thanked Friends for allowing a librarian assistant to be hired. Traci Wilbur is the new assistant.

There will be a Fall Fundraiser Committee follow-up meeting held soon.

The next meeting will be on January 19, 2009 at 6 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Ann Lippincott
Secretary

These minutes were approved at our meeting on January 19, 2010.