

**Friends of ANLC**  
**March 16, 2010 Meeting – Minutes**  
**ANLC Library**

Diane Sanders brought the meeting to order at 6:05. She noted that a quorum was present. Lou made a motion to accept the minutes from our February meeting. It was seconded and approved by all.

**Principal Charles Grisier's Report:**

- Budget overview—the district is working on a budget for the “best case scenario” and one for the “worst case scenario” in terms of how much will have to be cut from the district budget for next year. The projected cuts in the district budget range from \$9 million (if the 1 cent tax is passed) to \$27 million (if the tax is not passed). If the sales tax is not passed, we are facing large teacher layoffs and greatly increased class sizes for next year. The election is May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- AIMS and Stanford (formerly TerraNova) testing will be held April 12-16.

**New Business:**

- Diane Sanders went over Friends' income, reserves and expenses as we plan for the rest of the year and our 2010-2011 budget. Our fundraising is below budget for the year so far and our school will be impacted by the district budget cuts. Right now, the spending we had planned exceeds our income. The upcoming Carnival and Auction is our largest fundraiser and provides most of our operating budget for next year. We do have some reserves but we'll need to spend them carefully. Diane said that she has asked the campus beautification committee to wait on making additional large expenditures until after we know how much we make on the Carnival-Auction and can reevaluate our other spending plans. The work-in-progress on the campus and garden projects will be completed but we'll wait on the remaining projects. We'll have some additional financial information at our April meeting and can hold a special meeting in early May after the Carnival-Auction results are in. Some people expressed some concern about the possibility that the money designated for campus beautification would be spent for something else. No decision about that was made at this time.
- Charles Grisier reported that Carolyn Repp, the District's ELL director (and ANLC's former principal), has agreed to purchase some computer tablets for our English Language Learners. If ANLC is allowed to keep the computers, this will reduce our need to buy additional ones.
- Nikki Lemmon reported on a recycling poster contest for Earth Day to promote recycling awareness. We'll announce a few other initiatives to save resources during that week.
- We are forming a nominating committee to nominate next year's officers and committee chairs. Anyone interested in being on the committee or nominating someone should contact Diane Sanders.
- We also need help with the spring Scholastic book fair. This is a buy-one-get-one-free fair that will be May 11-14.

- We need a committee to plan next year's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The committee should include teachers, parents, students, former students, former parents, etc.

**Committee Reports:**

- Ann Rodarte gave a detailed report on the Campus Beautification project and all the areas they've completed and as well as those still to be done. One of the goals of the project was to include ways for our kids to learn and explore in the outdoor areas. We have improved drainage and added crushed granite in several areas, added teak benches in along the breezeway, a snake bench in the desert habitat, seat walls/ masonry benches outside the café, vertical gardens near the middle school classrooms and outside the library. These changes have provided many opportunities for teachers to incorporate the garden and habitat into their curriculum. Ann noted that we received donations in labor from our masonry contractor and an Eagle Scout troop, as well as plants, soil, and other materials. The additional projects that are on hold include painting maps and graphics on the concrete through the breezeway and in the café courtyard, adding bright colored picnic tables in the grassy courtyards between the classrooms, and creating a focal point opposite the entry door into the breezeway. Ann was thanked for all the work her committee has done and on the dramatic results.
- Ann Rodarte also reported that the garden committee used some donations to add several raised beds to our community garden. The garden has been included on a Slow Food school garden tour scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Natalie Lahr reported on the Carnival & Auction planning progress. She has filled most of her subcommittee chair positions but is still looking for help for the Teen Lounge. She's received several items for the Auction so far, but they are working to get many more. Her committee is meeting on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> after Family Read.
- Traci Wilbur started a discussion on the Night of Arts and Sciences event and whether a chair is needed. We agreed that Friends will provide refreshments and coordinate volunteers.

Diane adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Ann Lippincott  
Secretary  
Friends of ANLC