GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN COLLEGE

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

Monday, 6th February 2006-02-08

- Meeting opened by President, Marina Russell
- Introduction and welcome to the new principal, Mr. John Mason.
- Devotion was read by John Mason
- 22 people attending
- Kristin Tettmar

Re-election of committee

There were vacancies on the committee, and people had come forward showing interest in filling those vacancies.

The following people form the P and F Committee for 2006:

President           Mrs. Sandra Hearle
Vice-President      Mr. Matt Grut
Secretary           Mrs. Kim Barton (Bingham)
Treasurer           Mrs. Marina Russell
Pool Liaison        Mrs. Marina Russell
Shepherd Fair Coordinator  position not filled
Monster Garage Sale Robyn May

Minutes of November 7, 2005 Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted

Matters Arising from Last Minute
No matters arising

Correspondence Received
No correspondence

President’s Report

Sandra Hearle introduced herself to the meeting:
- it’s going to be an exciting year ahead as construction of the pool starts in May
- looking for a team of people, past, present and new parents to work throughout the year
- will require a lot of action happening outside of the P and F meeting, by way of sub-committees
- big projects underway at GSLC now, but there will be many ‘little’ things needed to supplement these, especially in the areas of the Gymnasium and Pool.
- a warm welcome was extended to John Mason
- formation of a sub-committee for P and F activities. First meeting Thursday 16 February at Hart’s Nursery (near school) at 1.30pm. All welcome
Principal’s Report

John and his assistant, Gail Young arrived at the school 4 weeks ago. the school had many systems and staff in place to ensure the transition was smooth. the existing staff are to be commended. painting has been completed on school buildings with minimum fuss. school grounds are looking fantastic, a great effort by staff. builders of the gymnasium are on site, and are looking towards a best time completion of October, but already first glitch as a WWII amphibious vehicle was found buried. (John Dohler was trying to work out how to make a buck out of it). John Mason wants to acknowledge past parents and friends who have helped fundraise for the buildings and pool possibly by way of an invitation to the opening of the pool. John Mason emphasised his open door policy to any parent at any time. He can also be contacted by email or phone to discuss issues directly. He also emphasised the role of the P and F as a social and fundraising body.

Pool Report from Marina Russell

work on the pool will begin when slab and structural work of the gym has been completed. time frame for commencement is first week in May, with 8-10 weeks to build. estimated completion by August in anticipation of the summer swimming season. squads commence in September and looking to get students registered to swim at the GSLC pool. basic pool cost is $549,000, not including the many extras such as lane ropes etc. GSLC Council has contributed $150,000 towards the pool.

General Business

it was agreed that P and F minutes be posted on the GSLC web site. agreed that the Tuckshop Menu to be posted on GSLC website. it was confirmed that the GSLC Business office has taken over bookkeeping for the P and F, Tuckshop, Second Hand Uniform shop, Garage Sale and Sehpherd’s Fair. thank you to John Dohler and staff for this wonderful contribution, which will ensure continuity when P and F committees change over the years.

Sandra suggested:
coordinate an annual calendar of fundraising events
value of events as community focus and fundraising
research and submit grant applications – Sandra to liase with John Mason and Jan Bromley
approaching annual volunteers
social events as well as fundraisers
it was agreed that a welcome letter to new parents to be compiled and mailed out next week.
General Discussion on the following:

**The Monster Garage Sale** is organised by Robyn May, raises approximately $4,000. Date proposed Saturday, March 25. Please start bringing in unwanted ‘treasurers’ and leaving in shed behind the hall, however, larger items should be dropped off closer to the date. It was suggested to have a sausage sizzle and coffee and cake stall on the day.

**Primary School Discos** raise over $2,000 with a percentage of funds distributed back to primary classes.
Action: Cath and Ian David to organise Year 4-7 disco; Year P-3 to be organised by...........

**Shepherd’s Fair** raised approximately $40,000 in 2005
. at this stage there is no convenor (looking for a volunteer),
. also people to coordinate the Food Hall, Craft Group and Plant Stall. These three stalls have in the past brought in many $$$$ towards the Fair.
. need a secondary teacher liason for Fair – John Berghauser to investigate with staff
. new ideas for high school involvement in Fair
. Bridgette suggested unusual art work to be auctioned on the day

**Tuckshop** during recent years has been making a reasonable profit.
Action: Shelley to offer SPECIAL DAYS and call up extra volunteers

**GALA Dinner** which has in the past generated in excess of $10,000 could be replaced this year with a more informal night in May. More to come on this event.
Action Agreed: Sub-committee to meet Thursday Feb 16 to work through ideas

**River Cruise** was successfully run in late 2004, planned again for end of March 2006.
Action: Sandra to investigate costs and dates

**Blue Light Disco** (at Leisure Centre ages 5-12).
Action: Parent volunteers, approx 6-8 needed, from GSLC to supervise could result in $1,000 donated to the school.

Matt Grut (vice-president) raised the following issues:
. needed clarification on the role of P and F
. on the lack of helpers or volunteers.
Discussion: It is not expected that all parents are involved or attend all functions, it is up to each family what they choose to be involved in. Giving time also helps generate funds.
. suggested there was a silent majority who feel there was no forum for parents to raise issues (good and bad) at the school.
. **John Mason** said that parents have more voice today than they ever have e.g. via email, telephone, letter etc. Please **COMMUNICATE** with him as he is the **FORUM**. He suggested that P and F was not the place for political issues.
General discussion followed on the role of the previous Class Representatives and Parent Reference Group for Primary and Secondary Departments

A meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16th at 1.30pm in the coffee shop at Hart’s Nursery for those who are interested in helping formulate the P and F calendar of events and the subsequent organisation.
Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Dates for the upcoming P and F Meetings are:

Monday, 6th March 2006
Monday, 3rd April 2006
Monday, 24th April 2006 (date changed due to May Day public holiday, and then a clash GSLC Arts Fest)