GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN COLLEGE
2008 PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Minutes Monthly Meeting
TERM 2 #3 Held Mon 23 June 2008/Theatrette
At 7pm
Chair/Pres G Foster

Attendees: 7/Apologies:1(see meeting register). Meeting commenced without quorum (8 people required), with no voting/decisions actioned. Items on the agenda were discussed as follows:

Opening Devotion J Mason

Principal's Announcements
We are coming to the end of what seems to have been a very long term: so much has been going on across the college. The recent Garage Sale was an incredible achievement, particularly given the short preparation time, thanks to helpers and items contributed.
There has been an unusual amount of staff movement this term, particularly in Secondary, with a number of long standing teachers on maternity or long service leave. A lot of time has been applied to matching appropriate substitute teachers.

Financials
Nil report.
P&F executive provided TFN details for ABN registration. KD will hand completed form back to JD.

Primary Courts-damage to the new surface has been noticed by maintenance recently. JM will follow up with Dennis.

Grants
Nil report.
G Collins indicated there is a new Regional Council booklet on Grants now available. Request for T Day to obtain a copy.
G Foster put an application in on behalf of the Swim Club for the Telstra Assistance Grant-max. $5000 from a list of identified categories. The application is a request for software package ($2800), replacement pool flags, and a storage trolley (for swim equipment) with a fitted whiteboard.
G Foster indicated the announcements for the Woolworths grant are due the end of this month.
(Report on shade tent application and use of green voucher next meeting).

College Pool
The supervision of children waiting for their swimming lesson after school has been redirected to the duty teacher.
A general query on membership and users of the pool was raised. The pool is not open for general public recreational use. There must be some linkage whether it is squad enrolment, swim club enrolment, approved hiring etc.

Events Held
The Garage Sale raised $2280. Thank you to all contributors. Special thanks also to Steve Paech, Natalie Constance, Robyn May (past parent), Sarah Richardson, Amanda Fortington and Daphne Wayth for their efforts.

Events Proposed S FAIR
B Rostron: The Primary School collection letter has been circulated and well received by parents. BR will purchase the “Class Champions” trophy for presentation this Wednesday-before Closing Chapel? Check with I Hall.

G Collins: Revised TV ad should be available this week. Minor additional cost for voice over changes.
Radio Commercial with Sea FM- working on wording at present. We are also booked in for 2009 for their promo, car to visit the Fair + live announcements during the day.

GC: 4 banners underway. This is to be stored on a carpet roller to minimize cracking. 1 banner will need replacing next year.

G Scholes: to approach Bakels about donating cake premix for a cook-up in Home Ec.

BR: Dunk the teacher-promote harder this year to get Primary and Secondary teachers involved.
BR to put ad in the College Common Room inviting teachers to register for 20 min. time slots.

COCKTAIL PARTY
New date proposed is Nov 1st.

Yr 11 Formal Bar Service
J Berghauser invited the P&F to manage the bar again, on Sat 9th August. The College steering committee comprises Mr Berghauser and Mrs Paula Elvy.
Other Matters

Secondary Youth Group
Lisa Nitschke kindly advised the P&F that youth activities are being proposed through the Youth Ministry. This is currently in the building stages as youth workers are being sourced and trained. Youth Group activities will commence in 2009 on a Friday night fortnightly or monthly basis.

S Pie Readership: a general discussion was held again about low readership and why parents are not pro active in becoming informed about college events etc. The College web site and billboard are also updated daily. The following questions/ideas were raised:
- conducting a “read receipt” survey to consider actual/real SP readership numbers
- re-advertising that SP hard copies can be collected from College Reception
- re-advertising there is a password for SP access via the website link
- merits of a “user pays hard copy postal request”
- secondary miss out on billboard communication-the College is addressing this issue

Parent volunteers: a general discussion was held again about the P&F struggle with reduced numbers of pro-active parent volunteers and coordinators. The following questions/ideas were raised:
- Winding down the P&F if active-parents numbers don’t increase
- The current committee has been active for 2 years and is looking for new blood and new ideas
- Working parents, busy after school activities, parents volunteering time between school and district sport/activities etc
- If every parent commits to a volunteer task, no matter how small, it would make a huge difference
- Parents can be very active and supportive without having to attend committee meetings
- People often think they will get stuck with a job they don’t want
- Changing the structure of the P&F model eg. Exec meetings in the afternoon if a small group in the Principal’s office and General P&F meetings 1/term at night with a guest speaker
- Making a volunteer contribution compulsory on an annual basis
- Payment in lieu of active participation
- College expectations at enrolment stage?

This will be addressed further before the end of the year

New Prep Playgroup
Parents have reported 3 injuries in a short space of time. JM to this follow up.

Scholarships
GSiC scholarships are advertised broadly and all require an academic nature, including sport and cultural arts scholarships. There is some provision for discretionary bursaries by the Principal.

There is a mindful balance between firstly considering existing eligible students and also bringing in some new students.

8.35 MEETING CLOSED