

Parents' Association Meeting Saturday, February 11, 2006 1 p.m. WResource Center

Attendees: Beverley and Robyn Tsukayama, Mark and Sue Rieger, Michael and Cathy Blackmer, Diane Vyvyan, Andreos Kaplanov, Ralph Gruss, Allan Taylor, Carol J. Schaefer.

Minutes of January 7 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. meetings were accepted.

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| Treasurer's Report: | |
| Beginning balance | \$5960.58 |
| Expenses: | |
| t-shirts + gift cert. | \$95.00 + \$50 |
| Ending balance | \$5815.58 |

Old Business:

- Improvement ideas from A and B sections. None received.
- Academic Services statistics regarding student's on academic warning/probation. A report was passed out from Academic Services indicating the actual numbers of Freshmen on Academic Warning after their first term are 13/200=6.5% for A section, 37/344=10.75% for B section. Parents asked about the statistics after the Freshman II term: how many are on Academic Warning. Also, after Freshman I and II, what are the number of students that leave Kettering following those two terms? Diane will ask for the next meeting.
- Television for student lounge update. Andreos reported that Best Buy has a 65" Mitsubishi projection television with the proper specifications for Kettering's antenna needs for less than \$2000 plus \$400 and \$50/delivery for an extended 4-year service plan. Robyn mentioned she has a friend of the family that owns a small television shop and may be able to offer something for less. She will research it and get the information to Andreos and Diane by Wednesday. A decision should be made this week.
- Second reading of revised by-laws. Motion made by Mark Rieger, seconded by Michael Blackmer to accept the revised by-laws. Unanimous. A final vote will be taken at the next meeting to approve the by-laws as revised.

New Business:

- A question was asked about the VIP program in Admissions. Was it still an active program? Diane replied that as far as she knew it was and is monitored by Admissions staff. Discussion was had regarding children leaving home and the feelings that causes with parents. Several thought there might be some interest in having a support group through the Parents' Association. Diane will include a paragraph in the next newsletter to see if there's a need for anything like this. She'll also include the email address to empty nesters on line. Diane Vyvyan asked for suggestions regarding future workshops at Family Day. Parents would like to receive information on "What are the numbers of students who remain/leave Kettering after the first year and into senior status". Should we start an "empty nesters" web site? A support group for parents to share ideas on coping with sons/daughters departing for university was suggested. How can they help/prepare their child to adjust to university life?
- Is a safety committee to be established with Flint police and Kettering University? Diane Vyvyan will look into it.

Other:

Andreos indicated he would be studying abroad for 6 months beginning in April and would not be at our meetings.

Next meeting, Saturday, April 1, 2006, 1 p.m. Women's Resource Center