

Parents' Association Meeting
Saturday, October 29, 2005
1 p.m. Women's Resource Center

Beverley Tsukayama brought up an issue involving students and identity theft. She suggested how suggested students not give out Social Security numbers, and if anything is received in the mail about a credit check having been done, be sure and follow up!

It was good to have three student representatives with us: Jon Kowalski, Andreos Kaplanov and Robyn Tsukayama.

The minutes of the August 13, 2005 meeting were accepted as amended (Kanuit spelled correctly).

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance		\$6348.24
Income:		<u>\$3620.00</u>
		\$9968.24
Expenses: t-shirts	\$224.50	
A Family Day	\$ 72.78	
A Car Show	\$218.39	
A Family Day Food	\$480.00	<u>\$ 995.67</u>
Balance as of 10/27/05		\$8972.57

An update on the Parents' Association Scholarship was given. \$20,000 was contributed for both an A-Section and B-Section scholarship. The market value as of 3/31/05 was \$23,509. This past year \$700 was awarded to one student. Next year it is anticipated that the scholarship amount will be \$900. The Parents' Association's intent was to have both an A-section and B-section student receive half of the available money from the scholarship. Diane will check with Financial Aid to be sure that happens next year.

A motion was made and seconded that \$2500 be added to the Parents' Association Scholarship in hope that the scholarship amount for next year to be given out will be \$500 for both an A and B-section student. Motion passed unanimously.

After much discussion about the fund balance, it was decided that Diane would ask both A and B section students for suggestions on needs that would benefit all students on campus. She will prepare an application for students to complete if they have suggestions. These applications will be brought to the next meeting. It was also suggested that we could replace the broken big-screen tv in the student lounge. Andreos Kaplanov will look into the costs of replacing this and will report back to the next meeting.

Discussion about amending the by-laws was held. The suggested language for the by-laws is attached. The suggested amended bylaws will be sent out with the next newsletter as the first reading. Comments and votes may be emailed to Diane so the second reading and adoption of the amendments can be made at the next meeting in January. Motion made by Mark Reiger, seconded by Scott Pergler to amend the bylaws, approved.

Academic probation was discussed. A parent commented that during the Academic Success workshop one of the presenters mentioned that in A section 85 out of 208 were on Academic Warning after their first term at Kettering. She, as a teacher, and the others in the presentation were appalled that that many students did so poorly. Diane will see if she can get an update on what the student statistics are after the second term. Robyn said it's not unusual for students to do poorly their first term as they're learning to manage their time, their freedom, being away from home and the many other things they deal with those first months at school.

In the next newsletter Diane will include something requesting those split families that need information sent to more than one address contact her to be added to another mailing list.

The next meeting of the Parents' Association will be Saturday, January 7, 2006 at 1 p.m. in the Women's Resource Center. Another meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 1 p.m.