

**California School for the Blind  
Parents & Friends Association  
(PFA)**

**Meeting Minutes**  
September 12, 2000

**Attendance:** S. Wittenstein, S. Sacks, N. Bell, J. Garro, M. Tipton, P. Peterson, C. Burellia, C. Kennedy, A. Gill, L. Lane & H. Anderson, S. Dains.

The meeting was called to order by president, Josie Garro @ 8:45AM. The minutes of the May meeting were distributed and approved after the following changes:(**MSP: Tipton, Bell**)

- Under Student Council report-change to read Tatianna & Anna were the student council representatives @ the Leadership Conference in Missouri.

- I. Art Department-funding request:** Stephanie explained her request for funding for Art Kits during the holiday season.
  - Recommendation by PFA include the following:
    1. Kids to report back to PFA how they used the art kits during the holidays.
    2. Student council to be involved with “stuffing” the art kits and distributing the kits to the students during an assembly before the holidays.
    3. Provide a workshop during Family weekend-October 20-22, 2000
- II. Treasurer’s Report:** Marietta reported that Luanna would like to leave the money received from last year’s yearbook in the yearbook fund for 2000-2001 = \$615.00. Will continue to pursue complaint with Kinko’s for last year’s yearbook. Complaint make with the Better Business Bureau. \*\*See copy of treasurer’s report. As of August 16, 2000 the current checking account balance is \$4,487.08. PFA executive board will provide budget for 2000-2001 school year at next meeting.
- III. Sensory Garden:** Paulette gave PFA members an update on the grant writing and funding. Stated that the Hall-Mathews Foundation has committed to \$15,000 for phase I – used to begin working with the students & Stephanie Danis (Art Dept). Creative Work Fund-declined; Sobranto Family Foundation-will be coming for a site visit on September 22 @ 9:30AM. Grant writing for \$50,000 (**large contributors-? “naming opportunities” on plaque @ sensory garden site**) Maryann McBee will be present for the site visit by the Sobranto Family. Will have a decision by November. It was stated that the profits from the brick sales would be “earmarked”for the Sensory Garden and placement of the bricks would be on the grounds? There was also a suggestion by Stuart to earmark % of the “funding” from the Krazy Kar show towards the sensory garden. Paulette stated that she would

**Sensory Garden (cont'd):** be working with Janet and faculty. Faculty meeting scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> to answer any questions regarding how the students would be participating in the development of the Sensory garden (how that would be incorporated into curriculum). Request by Marietta that Paulette provide a monthly invoice for treasurer's records.

- IV. Membership:** Cathy asked if Nedra could report because she had the membership forms. Stated that we have received \$320.00 in monies for membership since the beginning of the school year. (August – Sept). Excellent beginning! Money for membership is continuing to come in and everyone wants to see Dr. Sack “on the roof!” Cathy stated that she would have a total membership at the next meeting.
- V. Parent Liaison:** Nedra Bell reported that the sell of T-shirts, polo shirts, hooded sweatshirts have increased significantly. Sold over \$1000.00 ? Will be taking orders for zippered & hooded sweatshirts-\$30.00/each. **Yearbook:** students will be selling “business advertising” for yearbook. Information will be coming soon. Write article in “In Touch” re: yearbook, T-shirt, brick sales.
- VI. Guest speaker-** Dr. Karen Wolf: consultant in vocational and career development. AFB project (Career Exploration – assisting students in identifying career opportunities). CTIB (Career Technology Information Bank) has over 2000 adults that have given permission for students to inquiry about their careers. [www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org) (1-800-232-6463) for questions. Books are available in library as well as audio cassettes.
- VII. New Business:**
- Mrs. Bentoridge stated that Safeway has a fundraiser in which 5% of grocery bill is donated to “designated school” of choice. Dr. Sack willing to take care of putting C.S.B. on Safeway's list of schools. Idea is that every time you use your Safeway card (swiped)-after you have designated the school of your choice, the 5% will go to that school. Receive a check every 6months or annual for amount donated.
  - Home Depot and Target have similar programs – Cathy will check and report back in December.
- VIII. P.F.A. activities for 2000-2001 year:**
- Welcome Back breakfast- August
  - Staff Appreciation Day: would like student council to be involved during this day. (suggestions: decorations for the events-luncheon and ice cream social)  
     (12-3PM)-teachers and dorm staff luncheon  
     (2-3PM)- all faculty,staff and students join for ice cream social
  - Braille Bee – February 15, 2001
- IX. Teacher Requests:**
- Stephanie Dains (Art Dept)- \$600 - \$625.00 to provide art kits for 120 students for their use during the holiday break. (**MSP: Kennedy, Tipton**)

**Comments:**

- Herb Anderson & Dianne Millner (Ashley Anderson's parents) presented PFA will information re: initiation of a “website” for PFA. Dianne is willing to take the lead on actively pursuing the development of the website and

donations from large charitable organizations. Cathy will be the “liaison” for Dianne & Herb.

- Marietta stated that the Krazy Kar show made over \$10,900.00 (money is designated to both the Special Olympics and CSB)-Thank you Sadiya!!!
- Thank you Nedra for all your hard work as our Parent Liaison!
- Josie suggested that we write an article for the “In Touch” newsletter about membership drive.
- Family Weekend is scheduled for October 20-22, 2000.
- Stuart suggested that an information sheet that explains how a teacher makes a request for funding from PFA. What are the criteria and DUE DATE for consideration. (Cathy will make an information sheet and forward to Nedra).

The meeting was adjourned @11:00AM. Next scheduled meeting: **December 14<sup>th</sup> @8:30AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine B. Kennedy  
Recording secretary