

YACA Board Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2009
W.A. Frost
FINAL

Ms. Daul called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Clayton Black, Jennifer Daul, Susan Green, Wendie Lindberg, Sandy Norris, Jean Parish

Board Members Not Present

Julie McCormick, Cindy Moeller, Paul Scanlon, Deb Volkert

Public and new Board Members Present

Todd Harmsen, Sarah Kirkwood, Ruth Straub

Agenda

Ms. Green made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Norris seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes

Ms. Green made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2009 Board meeting. Ms. Norris seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Forum

Introductions were made.

Standing Reports

Chair/ Co-Chair:

Ms. Daul recapped the request for YACA to publish the school directory and thanked everyone for the fast response to the online vote to allocate \$250 for the school directory.

Ms. Daul announced that Mr. Scanlon resigned from the YACA Board this week. The YACA bylaws state that upon the resignation of a Board member, the Board may appoint a new representative. Ms. Parish will contact the next highest vote recipient from the May election.

Secretary:

Ms. Lindberg requested that all Board members forward their volunteer hours to her for the end of the school year so this can be reported to Ruth Hanson, Volunteer Coordinator.

Treasurer:

Ms. Norris distributed the current Treasurer's report and proposed budget for the YACA 2009-2010 budget. Ms. Norris and Ms. Daul met with Ms. Lueth to discuss Yinghua's needs and the items YACA had identified as possible academic partnerships for the 2009-2010 school year. Ms. Lueth identified musical instruments as a priority, as well as a library intern for the school year. Ms. Lindberg made a motion to approve the budget. Ms. Green seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Volunteer Coordinator:

No report.

School Board Liaison:

No report.

Subcommittee Reports**Communications:**

Ms. Lindberg reported that 15 people had completed the online survey and between 20 and 30 had completed the paper survey. Mr. Black prepared a preliminary report and noted some of the highlights from the online survey. Ms. Lindberg will close the survey this week and prepare a consolidated report of the online and paper survey responses for the next Board meeting in July.

Ms. Daul noted that the next newsletter should go out at the end of July or early August, with a mailing that Yinghua is preparing.

Fundraising:

Ms. Daul noted that YACA has signed up for the Blue Sky Guides for this coming fall.

School and Family Events:

Ms. Green requested that the Board devote some time at the July Board meeting to engage in brainstorming to generate ideas and strategies for School and Family Events.

Summer Events. Ms. Daul passed around the summer events flyer and noted the play date on June 22, 2009 from 6 to 8 pm at Newell Park and, the water park date of Wednesday, July 22 at the Lupient water park.

Class Coordinators. Ms. Daul and Ms. Kirkwood reported that they had met with Ms. Lueth to discuss a proposed Class Coordinator program for Yinghua. Each Class Coordinator would function as a general liaison with the teacher as well as coordinate social events for the class, field trip chaperones, teacher appreciation, an end of the year class party, etc. Ms. Kirkwood will forward draft teacher and class coordinator handbooks to the Board for editing and proofreading. A note will be made in the July newsletter to recruit volunteers for the Class Coordinator roles.

Used Uniform Sale. Karen Caclaterra, Yinghua parent, agreed to help organize the Used Uniform Sales, but we need a Board member to coordinate. Ms. Parish will talk to Ana Ly, new YACA Board member to see if she is interested in coordinating this. Ms. Lindberg and Ms. Kirkwood offered to help with laundering.

Fundraising:

No report.

Education:

Ms. Parish reported on the status of the Artistic and Scientific Partnerships for the coming school year.

- Yinghua has hired a full-time music teacher. There will no longer be a MacPhail music partnership.
- The Northern Clay Center partnership will continue, possibly with specific grade level activities each year.
- A Science Museum program is being planned.
- The MIA art adventure will be conducted again. This will require 20 to 26 volunteers.
- The Children's Theater Mini Bridges program for 5th and 6th grades is a strong possibility.
- A joint program with Young Audiences and Compas is being explored.

- Partnerships with the SPCO and Minnesota Orchestra are also being explored.
- Installation of the students' tiles is scheduled for Sunday, August 15th at Yinghua.

Grounds:

No report.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Adjourn

Ms. Daul adjourned at the meeting at 9:20.

Next Board Meeting date is scheduled for either July 14 or July 15 at 7:00 pm at Coffee Bene, Grand and Cleveland, St. Paul. Ms. Parish will check with new Board members about the dates and notify the group to confirm the date.