

**YACA Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2008
J&S Bean Coffee Shop**

Ms. Daul called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Board Members Present

Clayton Black, Jennifer Daul, Wendie Lindberg, Julie McCormick, Cindy Moeller, Sandy Norris, Jean Parish, Paul Scanlon

Board Members Not Present

Susan Green, Deb Volkert

Agenda

The agenda was approved with minor modifications.

Meeting Minutes October 7, 2008 YACA board meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting Minutes October 27, 2008 YACA General Membership meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes, as amended. The motion was seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Public Forum

No one attending.

Standing Reports

Chair/ Co-Chair:

- Ms. Daul thanked the YACA board for all the efforts over the last month with the Kite Festival, the Blue Sky Guide fundraiser and the General Membership meeting.
- Ms. Parish proposed the next YACA Board meeting be held from 6:30 to 7:30 at her home with social time following at 7:30.
- Rebecca Kreitzer is now able to upload items to the Yinghua Academy website. There was discussion about setting up links to the website for parents to access the YACA newsletter. Mr. Scanlon will follow up with Ms. Kreitzer. Ms Parish reminded the Board that Ms. Kirkwood, parent volunteer has been volunteering in handling the newsletter layout and writing; Ms. Parish is responsible for the content.

Secretary:

Ms. Lindberg requested volunteer hours from the YACA Board. She will report these to Ruth Hansen, Yinghua Volunteer Coordinator.

Treasurer:

Ms. Norris presented the current financial statement. Budget lines were added for communication and fundraising expenses. Ms. Norris made a motion to amend the budget as presented. Ms. Parish seconded the motion. The amended budget was approved unanimously.

Volunteer Coordinator:

No report.

School Board Liaison:

Ms Moeller reported that the Yinghua School Board continues to work with the Minneapolis Public School Board regarding possible acquisition of the Putnam school. Plans are being considered for other options as well.

Fundraising:

- Blue Sky Guides. Ms. Daul reported that as of today 370 books have been sold and an additional \$565 in donations was received. Twenty four books have not been returned and invoices will be sent out this week to the families that have not returned books. If the books aren't returned, YACA will have to pay for them.
- Great Gatherings. Mr. Black presented proposed Great Gatherings on behalf of Aura Lee Besse, Great Gatherings Coordinator. Mr. Black will research potential disclaimer language to use for Great Gatherings registrations. There was discussion on including a focus on class events for Great Gatherings in YACA's next newsletter. Mr. Black will create a registration form to use. Ms Parish made a motion to approve the Great Gatherings. Ms. Norris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mabel's Labels. Continues through December 10, 2008.
- The Direct Appeal will be held after the first of the year.

501c3:

- Ms. Daul and Ms. Parish met with the Friends of Yinghua. This group includes Ms. Moeller, Ms. Norris, Doug Parish (Yinghua School Board member) and Abigail Pribbenow (Marketing & Fundraising Committee member). The group has developed bylaws. The YACA Board's 501c3 status will not be completed by the time the Direct Drive begins. Ms. Parish made a motion to approve the concept of doing a joint fundraising Direct Drive in 2009, with Friends of Yinghua, to cover expenses for Artistic Partnerships and as well as some expenses for Yinghua Academy's upcoming move. Ms. Norris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Daul will set a date for a meeting of Friends of Yinghua and the YACA Board Fundraising Committee.
- Ms. Parish made a motion to approve a \$1,000 budget item for setting up the 501c3. Ms. McCormick seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Education:

Ms. Parish reported that the MIA artistic partnership is underway. Fifteen chaperones are still needed for December 3rd and 19th.

Grounds:

No report.

School and Family Events:

General Membership Meeting. The meeting was held October 27th. Ms. Lindberg distributed results of the membership survey. Mr. Black will follow-up on setting up a survey general membership using Survey Monkey.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Meeting dates need to be set for 2009 YACA Board meetings. Ms. Lindberg will send proposed dates via email.

Adjourn

Ms. Daul adjourned at the meeting at 8:06.

Next Board Meeting date is Thursday, December 11th at Ms. Parish's home.