

YACA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 9, 2010
Yinghua Academy
Final

Ms. DeGeest called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Board Members Present

Tess DeGeest, Coley Murphy, Ana Ly, Ruth Straub, Muree Larson-Bright, Shane Stubblefield, Todd Harmsen, Tanya Battista Crespo and Serena Jones-White

Also Attending

Alison Parks, Volunteer Coordinator and Becky Hoffman

Minutes

A motion was made to change the minutes of the October, 12th meeting. Mr. Murphy move to approve the October meeting minutes as amended. Ms. Battista Crespo seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

A motion was made to change the minutes of the October 19th, General Membership Meeting to reflect Ms. Jones-White attendance. Mr. Murphy move to approve the General Membership Meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Harmsen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Standing Reports

Chair/Co-Chair:

Ms. DeGeest reflected that it has been a busy month at Yinghua. YACA hosted the Kite Festival. An estimated 250 family members and students came for the potluck, saw the unveiling of Mr. Bob Schmitt's "Four Seasons of Yinghua", and enjoyed children's craft activities. Mr. Bob Schmitt's paint activity with the children was especially enjoyed.

Ms. DeGeest reported that at the Fall General Membership Meeting, Dr. Tara Fortune spoke on "Immersion Education". About 25 parents and staff attended.

Also about 80 people came to say goodbye to Betsy Lueth at her Celebration at the Village Pub. YACA is looking for a volunteer to put together the Ms. Lueth's scrapbook.

Ms. DeGeest also reflected that the November's First Friday Coffee was attended by 40 parents, including Lien Laoshi, and YACA and Yinghua Board members.

Board members brainstormed planning feedback for next year's events: Kite Festival needs more room and should make use of the gym. Next year we may include an activity for middle school and older kids.

It was also reflected that the high Kite Festival attendance may have impacted the low attendance at the General Membership meeting. Ms. Parks suggested that we should have available Dr. Tara Fortune's presentation at the Yinghua web site. Mr. Murphy would find out if that would be possible.

School Board Liaison:

Ms. DeGeest reported that the new Interim Director Job will be posted this week. There will be a one week time for applicants to apply. Interviews will follow. The School Board requested that a representative from YACA will join the search committee.

Treasurer:

Mr. Harmsen reported that the YACA account balance is \$12,135.84 in the bank. The Chinook Book fundraiser has met its goal. 414 books have been sold raising \$4132 net. There are still 26 books to collect

Secretary:

Ms. Ly reported that the YACA information in the school Website is current and she sent the minutes to be posted.

Volunteer Coordinator:

No new reports

Sub Committee Reports

Communications:

No new reports

Fundraising:

Ms. DeGeest presented that they are currently forming the new Fundraising Group with representatives of YACA, the School Board and parents of Yinghua. The Yinghua Academy Foundation is forming and they are filing paperwork. YACA Board Members will be receiving a letter of request to help pay for the \$850 legal fees associated with the creation of the new nonprofit organization.

Give to the Max Day is next Tuesday, November 16th. This year there will be no matching funds. Instead they will be giving away \$1000 every hour to a different organization. Last year, Yinghua Academy raised almost \$30,000 on Give to the Max Day. This is the beginning of the Red Envelope Campaign this year. At the Lantern Festival Silent Auction and Gala, there will be a presentation with the total amount collected.

School and Family:

Ms. Ly acknowledged the great help provided by Ms. Battista Crespo, Ms. Larson-Bright, Mr. Stubbefield and Ms. DeGeest during Kite Festival. She also

acknowledged volunteer parents Mariana Rosales, Ana Alvarez and Kyle and Keri Nietzel for their great help cleaning up after the event. A few suggestions were made for next year's event.

Public Forum

Ms. Hoffman reported that starting at the November school conferences, parents and staff will be able to purchase tickets for the Lantern Festival Silent Auction Gala. Tickets will be \$34 in advance and \$40 at the door.

Ms Hoffman will be touring the venue to determine equipment needs. This venue can host up to 400 people inside. Ms. Hoffman will be sending a solicitation letter to different business requesting donations for the event.

Strategic Planning

With all the changes affecting YACA's Fundraising tasks, YACA's mission statement must be modified to reflect those changes. The current Mission Statement reads: Supporting the mission of Yinghua Academy, its students, teachers and staff by providing volunteers, fundraising and assistance in cooperation with the Director and the School Board.

The YACA Board proposed new ideas. Ms. DeGeest will present a summary of those ideas at the December meeting.

Adjourn

Ms. DeGeest adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Next Board meeting date is changed to December 7 at 5:30pm at Ms Ly's residence. For this meeting YACA will extend an invitation to past YACA Board Members and current School Board Members. An invitation will be sent prior to the event.