

Science Research Foundation Parent Meeting October 25, 2006

Meeting was called to order by President Diane Glass at 7:15 PM. Everyone introduced themselves.

[Elyse David](#) is our new webmaster. All info will be sent to her except for the minutes. Linda Vergo, Treasurer, will send minutes to Science Research Foundation Yahoo group.

Future meetings will begin at 7:30PM in lieu of 7:00PM

Per Linda, balance in the checkbook is around \$11,000.

Future Foundation meetings will be 1/25, 3/22 and 5/3.

Diane advised all of generous gift of \$10,000 received in June. Linda will make up a student reimbursement policy for the school year and the summer period. The two reimbursement periods will be as follows: School year expenses reported by 6/30 and summer period expenses reported by 10/15. The reimbursement will be up to \$200 per student per calendar year. Linda will post.

The Foundation's gift to the S.R. Department will be an Epson poster printer. Now all 11th and 12th graders will have a professional poster. The printer (44" wide) and cartridges will run about \$5800. The cost per poster will be about \$40 vs. \$500 at Staples/Kinko if created individually. S.R. will make about 20 posters per year. We will be the only school in Westchester whereby every student will have a professional poster in competition. Discussed service contracts. Will decide if we need one next year. The printer will be locked in Michael Blueglass' classroom and not net worked out. If we do have to print for another club, we will charge a fee. Michael will supervise. In June we will review for a printer cleaning or maintenance check. Diane will find out if printer is covered under school district's property policy and what the deductible is. Printer should arrive next week. Diane has asked Joyce McCoy to put her on the school board meeting's agenda in order to present this gift to the SR Department – possibly the November 20th school board meeting.

2nd Annual SR Dinner will be held on April 26, 2007. Sherri Hughes arranged again at Traveler's Rest which was excellent last year. Seniors and mentors will be our theme. Discussed presenting them with plaques or certificates and asking them to say a few words. Sharon McCann volunteered to design certificate and program. Sherri will work with Michael on a program for the evening. Programs will have ads to offset the cost of the mentors. All donors will be listed on back of program as well. If we make enough money, we will pay for seniors. BBQ was suggested for mentors and students for mentoring possibilities.

Discussed ways to sell ads for the dinner program. Sharon will make a mock up of the program and bring to January meeting. We will show this to prospective ad buyers. Sharon will investigate the cost of the program. Suggestion made to solicit colleges for ads as well. Is this a viable avenue? Alpana Tiwari will report regarding this at next meeting.

Will need someone to manage sale of tickets for dinner, collecting money, distributing name tags at door, etc. Our goal is that the cost of the dinner will be free for mentors and seniors. The projected cost for the mentors will be \$1000 and the seniors \$500.

Need to create a forum to facilitate sophomore parents reaching out to each other, junior parents reaching out to each other as well as senior parents.

Michael needs help preparing for the Feb 3 (Saturday) power point competition with a practice held during the week. Agreed to Tuesday, Jan. 30th at 7PM and snow date Wednesday, Feb.1. Parents need to come out. Michael also needs a practice night for the 3/17 WESEF competition. Practice will be Feb.27 with a Feb. 28 snow date.

For publicity, Sharon left SR brochures and poster board display at the Brookside Science Fair. Principal Mr. Levy had given permission. Linda Elkind will look into setting up SR display at Crompond Elementary's Science Fair. Publicity is needed at the Middle School. When the 1st Nighters, Huskers and PTA attend functions at the M.S., the Foundation should be there, too. Discussion about lack of support from other faculty departments in YHS. Guidance needs to have more knowledge of SR program to steer students to appropriate colleges. SR accomplishments must be part of the student application process.

Michael advises the district newspaper is sent to all faculty. The newspaper encourages news from all faculty. Michael sends info about SR and was told only one other teacher responded. The MS needs an informational brochure about YHS SR program to be sent to students, parents and faculty.

Discussed ways to fundraise:

1. Direct mail pledge. Will look at in January. Need letter writers, data base of people, etc. Will not solicit parents.
2. SR student could present at Lion's Club. Lion's Club may donate to the foundation. MRI professionals could be shown a presentation and they could be approached for a donation as well. Any medicine/health field could be connected to a SR student by Michael for a presentation. SR would do a private presentation too. Feb. 27 would be a good date for these outside people to come to the HS when the students are practicing for WESEF.

Margaret Lipscomb will speak to Messrs. Sullivan and Napolitano about the cost of a flyer to parents district wide to come to a SR practice presentation.

We would like to have the students' SR posters on display at Hart Library with a request for donations. Would the library be willing to put this announcement in the library newsletter also? The SR students would attend. Margaret will look into all of this and report back.

The dues for the 2006-7 school year are \$25.

Meeting adjourned 9 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Spadaccia
Recording Secretary