

Executive Board Meeting 1/4/10

In Attendance: Susan Saar, Ruth Gatton, Susan Rosenberg, Judy Prosper, Donna Filippone, Kathy Brito, Sam Levy, Barbara Gonzalez, Francesca Di Mauro, Ana Hernandez

A Review of the events in the coming months was discussed

To address translation and parental involvement issues, a motion was made to revive the Cultural Affairs subcommittee. Barbara Gonzalez was nominated Chair and accepted. Among other things, this committee will help to handle the translation at PA meetings and PA documents. The subcommittee will operate under the Community Liaison committee, chaired by Ivelisse Suarez. It was unanimously approved.

Carlos Brito was not available to give a budget report. Music show brought in about \$180 in bake sales and \$500 in CD sales. Does not include the cost for copying the CDs which might be around \$160. This information will be available at the next Executive Meeting.

Discussion on concerns that PA dues may drop as people start to give to Friends of 187 since it is tax deductible. A suggestion was made that there be a discussion whether Friends of 187 would be willing to be a fiscal sponsor for PA. That means that they would take an administration fee and donors would get a tax break, but the money would go to the PA.

Daniel Levy- Handwriting without Tears- Started research after his son had trouble with his handwriting. Mr. Levy found a National program which was started by an OT, Lauren Robertson. The OT provided a workshop in December 2009 to the teachers that gave them more information on sensory integration. All the K-2 teachers participated and were very happy with the workshop. Mr. Levy asked if the PA would fund the workshop that already took place. There was a discussion and the consensus is that it be brought to the General PA Meeting for a general vote. Mr. Levy will present the information at the General PA.

Barbara Gonzalez- Wrote a proposal for translation/interpretation services. The PA receives about \$4,000 from Title 1 and they are requesting \$500 be used for translation/interpretation services. They are suggesting that there also be a fundraiser to help support this service.

Budget is:

Translation Services of Documents \$550 (22 documents @ \$25)

Interpretation Services at Meetings \$700 (7 meetings @ \$100)

Translation Headsets set of 10 \$2250.

Proposed that the Multicultural/International Dinner and Talent show would be the fundraiser for this proposal.

Francesca said that the translation of documents will not be an issue because there are always people available to translate documents. That budget amount can be eliminated. The budget for Interpretation services is a contingency plan only if there are no parents available to interpret for free. Suggestion was made that a large effort be made to provide quality interpretation at the next few meetings and if parents do not attend then we can state that efforts were made but that resources can't be spent if the resources are not fully used. Francesca proposed that \$500 from Title 1 could be directed to professional interpretation services if there are no parents available to do it – this will have to be disclosed at the next General meeting. Regarding the multicultural dinner, Barbara suggested that the dinner be moved to another month so there would be more time for planning. She has discussed with Ms. Chory and it has been agreed that there would be food with displays in the cafeteria that discusses the culture that provided that

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food. Then they would go to the gym to and participate in cultural activities and then go to the auditorium for a music/fashion show. It could be a fundraiser, charging a suggested donation of \$5. Possible dates are March 12 and 19

Parent Phillip Napoli provided a suggestion that the PA meetings be videotaped and placed on YouTube so those who didn't attend can see the meeting. The video segments can be interpreted as well. Not approved.

Next Executive Board is scheduled for Monday, February 8 which is the same date as the Friends of 187 Gala. It was suggested that the Executive Board Meeting be moved to Monday, February 1st and everyone agreed. Next General PA meeting is January 28th.