

# GATEWAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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## PTF MEETING MINUTES FOR February 5, 2008

### Welcome

Rich Boyd opened meeting at 7:10 pm with a pledge of allegiance, and prayer.

### Minutes Review and Approval

Rich Boyd asked for a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Jamie Harrison and Alison Christie motioned and the minutes were accepted.

### Welcome

Rich Boyd shared that his father was in Hawaii at the time Pearl Harbor was attacked, and that there was a great feeling of anger. Franklin D. Roosevelt recommended that military personnel read the bible for counsel, wisdom, inspiration, and strength, and, as such, the President distributed small white bibles to military members. A survivor of Pearl Harbor, who was given one of these bibles, recalled the Captain of his ship warning that the soldiers might not survive. The crew member decided to go to his bible for strength, and came across Psalm 91. Rich shared that Psalm 91 applies to all of us. It is a psalm of trust, care of God, blessing, security and His love. "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'(NIV)" If you make the Most High your dwelling, nothing of harm will come to you. Rich added, "That is so assuring that God is with us all the time and He protects us against all adversities, so long as we pray to Him to protect us. The crew member was inspired by Psalm 91, and God was with him, and He's with us and blesses each one of us too."

### Administrator's Report

Doc Beale was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

### President's Announcements

- **School Uniforms**

Debbie Sharp announced that there are still uniforms available, and that any uniforms not taken for Gateway students would be made available to non-Gateway students.

- **Spring Auction Fundraiser**

Debbie Sharp announced that the Spring Auction will be Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Resurrection Ministries and that a letter and two donation receipt forms were distributed to all parents in the recent Gate newsletter. **Parents are asked to donate (or have donated) one item for the auction per student.** Most items will be silent auction; however, there will be a live auction and also a dessert auction. So far, 10-12 items have been donated. Donations can be turned in to the office, or to Debbie Sharp or Jamie Harrison.

**The committee can still use help with volunteers for decorating, soliciting donations, and table hosts.**

Tickets for the auction will be on sale next week at \$25 per person, or tables for \$200 (seats 8), and Cindy Edwards will handle ticket sales. The theme will be Evening in Paradise, and attendees are encouraged to dress Hawaiian for the event. Dessert will not be included, and table hosts may consider purchasing desserts for their tables from the dessert auction.

Each classroom is responsible for one gift basket donation, and the room moms will be coordinating that with the parents. Themed baskets in prior years included coffee, spa, baking, tool time, family fun, sports, and carwash, and have been successful fundraising items.

- **Missions Lunch**

Jamie Harrison announced that the Missions Lunch is Friday, February 15, and is the culmination of a full week wherein the children learn about different countries and cultures. For lunch, the parents bring authentic cultural foods and the children dress up in costumes and bring artifacts from various countries. Jamie reminded parents to label crock pots and dishes. The PTF is seeking volunteers to serve food and clean-up. The speaker will be Amanda Collins, and she will be discussing her upcoming mission to Northern Africa.

- **See's Candy Fundraiser Results**

The See's Candy fundraising results were presented by Jamie Harrison. 1,025 boxes were sold, with 50% of the sales price going to Gateway (\$2,562.50 profit); however, the goal was higher. It was suggested that sales were not as high as projected, perhaps, because of the close proximity to the high school's candy drive.

- **Open House**

Rich Boyd announced that the Gateway Christian School annual open house is being held on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The purpose is to give prospective parents the opportunity to meet teachers and tour classrooms. Debbie Sharp asked if advertising was placed in the Brentwood Press; however, no one in attendance knew the answer to that question.

## **Open Floor**

Most of the open floor discussion surrounded the topic of the auction, as follows:

Emil Stahli shared that timeshares for a cabin in Tahoe were a top-selling item, yielding approximately \$700 per week, at last year's auction. Mr. Stahli also indicated that spring house-cleaning packages, window washing, veterinarian spay, or any other product that someone would buy *anyway* would be a great idea. Rich Boyd suggested that airline miles or airline vouchers would make a great donation.

Debbie Sharp indicated that set-up and clean-up volunteers are needed, and that the venue (Resurrection Ministries Church on Fairview at Sand Creek) would allow set-up only five hours prior to the event. She also announced that Lynn Stahli will be creating the auction booklet again this year, and Emil volunteered to ask Lynn if she could prepare them early so parents could show them to prospective attendees to generate interest. Mr. Stahli shared that he was asked if he would bid on behalf of interested parties who couldn't attend. He also remarked that some families chose to go in together on a bid.

Brief mention was made that a different caterer is being used this year (although last year's dinner from RibEye's was terrific), and Rich Boyd recommended that everyone view the pictures from last year's auction on the Gateway website.

Diego Darquea volunteered to emcee the event, if needed.

The next auction committee meeting is Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Lighthouse Campus at 8:15am.

Mr. Diego Darquea inquired as to the status of hiring a full-time administrator, and Emil Stahli responded that the Board is, indeed, actively searching. Mr. Stahli also indicated that Doc Beale would be arranging a meeting with the second grade parents to discuss the status of the teaching position, due to Mr. Weinert being asked to teach at the middle school.

The room mom meeting convened at the close of the PTF meeting, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.