

GPA Meeting June 2, 2009

Present: Sharon Olken, Ginny Gjedsted, Cynthia D'Amato, Antonlla and Gary Goldsborough, Martha Fulmer, Terri Ahuruonye, Jackie Quella, Helene Dorian, Elia Pochron, Jude Deckenbach,  
Martha Sandoval, Amy Joseph, Tina McGovern, Joanne Wells.

Welcome by Amy Joseph, President

Welcome current and future parents.

Helene Dorian approved May's meeting notes with Gary Goldsborough seconding. Amy is leaving after 7 years and she leaves with a heavy heart and a lot of love for Gateway. She also thanks Sharon Olken for all the incredible work she does for all the parents and students.

Amy also specifically thanks Gary and Antonella Goldsborough for coordinating the parent volunteers, an extraordinarily difficult task, and for stepping up to coordinate again next year.

And , thank you Elia Pochron.for bringing Gateway logowear to a new height of organization, design and sales levels. She has volunteered to do logowear again next year!

Terri Ahuruonye, thank you for working two jobs this past GPA year and stepping up to the job of Treasurer, a very precise and exacting job, which she performed with zeal and aplomb. Thank you for accepting the position for next year.

Julie Hagelshaw is going to be GPA secretary and Amy happily thanks her for filling this position; Daisy Hernandez has agreed to be the Spanish liaison to get the GPA information out to our Spanish speaking families. This is a new position and we are excited about it and about Daisy filling it!

Cindy D'Amato has graciously volunteered to be vice president; she is a great source of energy and knowledge about how the school works on many levels.

Thanks to Ginny Gjedsted for volunteering to be president.

Agenda:

Election of GPA Officers for 2009-2010

Amy Joseph `officially nominates the above for those positions. No one opposed the nominations.

Seconded by Jude Deckenbach

Upcoming events:

Frosh /Soph picnic will be August 23 rd. The plan is to get the permit for Glen Park, which Mike Johengen will chair again with David Wilson as co-chair.

School Spruce-up date; August 15/16. Parents help prepare the school grounds and gardens in preparation for school starting. Q Bucher is the contact faculty on this event.

A call out to all parents to help sign up and chair or volunteer for all upcoming events like International Night, Prom, Graduation. Etc

The Auction is November 14, We need to get out the volunteer role descriptions for all parents to sign up and participate and plan for the auction. Ginny needs to contact Tracy Pore's write up and descriptions. She will send out the position descriptions via email and ask all interested parties to join the fun for this great event.

#### Principal's Report, Sharon Olken

Sharon thanks all the outgoing and incoming officers. She notes that the faculty and staff also deeply appreciate all the GPA does. It is essential and tremendous. Work that Gateway could not replace and that would not keep the school functioning at the high level it does.

Sharon also thanks Elia Pochron for her unswerving energy and dedication to Logowear sales as evidenced by students' asking daily for more Gateway logowear!

A big thank you to Terri Ahuruonye for stepping up into the Treasurer's role. It was a much needed position and she filled it with enthusiasm and energy and precision.

Thank you to both Gary and Antonella Goldsborough for coordinating the parent volunteers, an often thankless job but filled with unwavering love and energy by both.

Thank you Ginny for being VP, and secretary auction chair, and other roles this past year.

And finally thank you, Amy Joseph ,for her tireless joy, devotion, and organization for this past year. She will be missed but she will not vanish, as she will serve on the Board of Trustees starting next year!

Sharon brought in a sampler of some of the next year's upcoming dates to know. A family directory is going to be send out at the beginning of the school year and Sharon is going to need help compiling the Gateway Family Directory to get it out by the beginning of the school year. Your help will be needed during August for this to happen.

Family work days are scheduled for August 15/16<sup>th</sup>. The goal is ambitious this year with landscaping the gardens, so, we'll need a lot of families and someone to step into the leadership role to coordinate the help. Q Bucher is the faculty who oversees this.

The Frosh/Soph barbeque is August 23, usually at Glen Park, Mike Johengen will chair with David Wilson co-chairing. It would be nice to have a rising sophomore parent learn the ropes from Mike to take over next year.

First day of school is August 24 (for the freshmen) and the 25 for the rest of the school.

Ninth Grade Family orientation is September 2, Back to School Night is September 15; and the first GPA meeting is September 22.

These dates are upcoming, but more dates need to be slated for the rest of the year. Sharon proposes we meet July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, at Pauline's Pizza to plan the next year's event schedule and start to identify possible chairs. Iris Smith has the job descriptions for the school events.

Tina McGovern said "a couple of words" thanking Amy Joseph for making her life an absolute pleasure in the Development Office; she will miss Amy's enthusiasm and selfless giving this past year.

THANK YOU AMY!

The Prom was a great success and even made money this year. The Car Wash was also a success with students stepping up to the job and staying on task; it made over \$300.

See you in August (or maybe at Pauline's Pizza on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to plan the next year's events!!)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ginny Gjedsted