

**SWHS - High School Branch of Parent Association Meeting  
May 3, 2011**

**Present** – Shelly McSweyn, Sonia Frank, Laura Mason, Scott Graham, Teresa Graham, Cheryl Smith, Geraldine Kline

**President** – Sonia Frank

**Secretary** – Claude Golden (absent)

**Treasurer** – Shelly McSweyn

**Notes** – Geraldine Kline

HS branch of PA is further considering the following projects:

**1. Eurythmy Performance May 12** – feeding of the Eurythmy troupe (about 45 students) and refreshments following the performance.

**2. Grade 12 graduation refreshments June 6.**

**3. Social gathering of new and returning parents – September 9**

**4. Communication** – article in upcoming connection

**1. Eurythmy May 12** - 10 students from Vancouver will join our grades 9 and 10 students for a Eurythmy performance on May 12. Linda Povinelli has requested support from parents to organize the feeding of the Eurythmy troupe, which will take place as follow:

Option 1 – rent the HS downstairs kitchen – Menu: pasta, red sauce, salad, bread, cookies, bars.

Option 2 – if option 1 is not possible, replace pasta with lasagna.

**Actions**

- Geraldine will request permission to rent the downstairs kitchen from the Church.
- Cheryl will proceed with the purchase of all needed ingredients for the diner
- Cheryl will contact grades 9 and 10 parents to request refreshments to follow the performance.

**Important notes** – the hall needs to be vacated by 9:00 pm for the shelter. Refreshments will take place upstairs so as not to rush the social gathering following the performance.

**2. Grade 12 graduation refreshments June 6** – light refreshments would be provided by the grade 11 families at the school following the graduation ceremony – Graduation will take place at the Children's Theater from 6:30 pm through 8:15 pm.

**Actions**

- As this is a new project, Geraldine will ask Lisa to make a few phone calls to parents to let them know of this opportunity.

**3. Welcome to New and Returning parents social September 9 –**

There is a need for parents of high school students to meet one another and connect both within each class and as a HS group. Currently parents meet as a group in the context of Parent Evenings (by class), and in grade 9 in the spring event for parents and students. An event for all HS parents to get acquainted is needed.

**Actions**

- Geraldine will confirm the date availability on the school calendar – (Friday September 9 confirmed. Now on the school calendar).
- Committees are needed to form the event, with theme and games to facilitate the social connections.
- Geraldine will let Gabi know that the BOY tea for HS parents is replaced by this event.

**4. Article in upcoming Connection** – Deadline for submissions Wednesday May 4, 2011.

Elements of article include:

- a) presentation of HS PA branch and current projects
- b) May 12 Eurythmy performance – details.
- c) June 6 graduation refreshments – general information
- d) other projects

**Action**

- Sonia will submit article to Gabi by deadline
- Geraldine will send SWS Class Parents Guide to HS PA members

**5. Additional notes**

Conversation about the funding of HS PA in general, and above projects in particular

- School will reimburse expenses incurred for above events until funding for HS PA is clearly articulated. The school has a Parent Association Community Fund in place for this purpose, which is shared across all grades preschool through 12.