

# Oya No Kai

## Board Meeting minutes

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

Board members present: Sarah Stephens, Maya Mori, Cathy Zaerr, John Baumgardner, Angie Tomlinson. Visitors: Melissa Gorgon Clark, Naomi Saito, Cameron Deiter, Jackie Ravarra, Kari Shawen, Teresa Schultz.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm and was held at Coopers Coffee. Meeting minutes from March were reviewed and approved with corrections.

Julie will email out the financial report at a later date.

**Seitokai-** Naomi Saito and Cameron Deiter attended the meeting. Seitokai has been established to better communication between ONK and Grant High School in both directions. They organized many activities this year to that end, including the May 17<sup>th</sup> picnic and visiting Mt. Tabor to promote the JISP at Grant. They are working towards an all JMP meeting to help explain the FLAP grant, and a possible summer retreat in 2010. The possibility of having a student voting-member on Oya No Kai was discussed, as well as a possible establishment of a separate line item for Seitokai in the budget. Seitokai is planning a 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade picnic in the fall of '09 and wish to be involved with the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. In response to Angie's request for help with the alumni data base, Naomi expressed interest in assisting Melissa Gorgon Clark. Seitokai would like to join the JMP listserv.

Shi zen Kyampu will be held at Camp Collins beginning August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Westwind: Jennifer Lootens is looking into a work party-free weekend to help maintain the Westwind facilities and to pull ivy. Teresa Schultz mentioned that Grant students who officially sign up to be volunteers with the Outdoor School program may be eligible to help during the week that Mt. Tabor attends.

**T-shirts and small merchandise:** (Jackie Ravarra and Kari Shawen) Connie Cho will be recognized for her years of involvement with the t-shirt designs. Designs for fall shirts are in development. The interns expressed interest in designing a logo for the next water bottles, which may be made out of stainless steel. Jackie introduced the Cookbook idea, with a recipe contest connected with it. Recipes would be gathered in the fall. Sale price is \$29.95, with \$10 going to JMP.

**Future board members:** Teresa, Melissa, Sarah, Cathy and Alison are candidates for the upcoming election.

**CD membership drive:** Maya is meeting with Melanie S. to go over corrections. Teresa expressed interest in helping with the drive beginning in September.

**Dinner/Auction:** The event will be held November 14, 2009 at The Nines. Tickets will be \$75 (\$50 covers costs). Procurement forms/auction packet will be going home with kids very soon. Tofino auction software will be used. Naomi and Cameron thought Seitokai would be interested in helping with the 1,000 cranes project.

**FLAP grant meeting:** Around 120 people attended. Free (for students) tutoring is happening at Mt. Tabor this summer. The six week summer internship to Sapporo is being developed. John B. offered his name as a contact person until the grant coordinator is hired.

**Credit card machine:** Purchased!

**Interns:** Things are going well. The Welcome Party was held May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Communications:** (Maya for Alison) Jean M. has new website information. Alison will send out a Constant Contact newsletter after the board elections.

**Fifth Grade Exchange:** Concerns over swine flu are causing alternative plans to be developed if needed. We received an update on the allergy situation. Chaperones will be voted in as temporary board members for the duration of the exchange.

**Mt. Tabor:** The eighth grade is back and had a good time. Please attend Omiyagi Banashi on June 3<sup>rd</sup> if possible.

**Grant :** JMP graduation to be held June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please attend if possible.

**Westwind:** Fun! A work weekend is in the planning stages with the support of the board (5-0). We may add a donation option for Westwind on the membership form.

**New business:** For class trips, we are considering that any grade level could establish a treasurer and begin making trip deposits. This needs to be approved by Julie and run by Doug L.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. Our next meeting will be on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Zaerr, secretary