GAPP Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2012

Absent:

Fuller, Sorenson & Wanta Families

**General Information:**

* Frau Timmermann shared with the group that there is a 14 yr. old German boy with the PAXX program who would like to spend a year at an American high school. Anyone interested in hosting this boy for a year should let her know.
* Photo Album assignment due today. Correcting will be done over the Labor Day weekend.
* Thanks given to Mrs. Newman for sharing pictures of the Germans’ visit. These have been uploaded to the GAPP web page <http://ahsgapp.weebly.com> A link is also available on the ACS web page under International Program. Frau Timmermann encouraged others to share their pictures with her to upload to the page.
* Exchange Rate to date is 1 Euro = $1.25. Frau Timmermann cautioned that she will calculate with a higher rate due to the volatility of the currency market.
* Airfare Subsidy Changes: Frau Timmermann just received notification from the Goethe Institut in New York, which oversees the GAPP program, that the teacher’s airfare will no longer be subsidized by 75%. Instead a flat rate will be used to discount the teachers’ airfare, based on region in the U.S. The current flat rate for our region is $710. Additionally, there are more stipulations attached to this grant award. Frau Timmermann has requested clarification from the Goethe Institut.
* Fundraising: Frau Timmermann shared the healthy account balance of monies raised to date for the GAPP trip.
* Payment Dates reminder: Sept. 1st $500, Jan. 15th $500 and Mar. 15th $500. Final payment amount is determined by final trip costs.
* GAPP Period 10 meeting times still to be determined based on other Period 10 commitments, e.g. Acadec and Model U.N. Frau Timmermann needs to meet twice a month in fall semester and once a week during spring semester.

**Fundraisers:**

1. Oktoberfest – Friday September 21st

Potato Salad Making – Monday Sep. 17th

Volunteers solicited at meeting. Frau Timmermann will also get students to sign up as well.

1. Advent Calendars – Cost is $1.65 per calendar a 5 cent increase from last year. Group decided to order 16 boxes = 1120 calendars
2. Sacred Heart Fall Festival – Cotton Candy Sales
3. Christmas Tree Lights: Collection Boxes will be set out at the various parishes and schools to collect old/unused lights. Boxes will be set out around Halloween time and will be discontinued end of January. Mrs. Buntrock agreed to coordinate this again.

Sacred Heart: Faivre Family

St. Mary’s: Buntrock Family

St. Vincent’s: Gudelis Family

St. Alexander: Becker Family

St. Lawrence: Davis Family

St. Phillip: Kollock Family

St. Peter & Paul ???

Publicity: Mrs. Buntrock will take care of the information in the church bulletins. Frau Timmermann will take care of the school newsletters at AHS/AMS.

1. Mrs. Faivre still plans a Schwan’s fundraiser. More information and a date will be forthcoming.

Frau Timmermann shared with the group that she must re-submit all GAPP fundraisers to Development for review and approval. This is a practice she has strictly followed with all GAPP fundraisers.

**Updated Trip Information:**

New GAPP Coordinator in Landshut: Mrs. Christine Ottl a science teacher

1. Dates: Sunday, June 16th – Friday July 12th

Flights: Lufthansa direct CHI-MUC approximately $1600/each (21 students/3 chaperones) This amount is higher than previous years.

Sunday, July 16th LH 435 ORD (Chicago) 20:50

Monday July 17th MUC 12:30

Friday, July 16th MUC 15:35

Friday, July 16th ORD 18:20

1. Itinerary Items Booked:

Lamers Bus transfer to and from Chicago O’Hare

Füssen/Berchtesgaden youth hostels (2 nights each)
Bus Company Unger in Germany for Alps trip

LaHo jousting tickets

1. Passport Pictures Sep. 26th $8 Make checks payable to ACS
2. Passport Processing Mon. October 15th

Frau Timmermann distributed the information sheet and the application form for those needing passports. She highlighted the information from the Post Office regarding parents’ presence, I.D. requirements, and payments. Checks need to be made payable to the U.S. P.S. and to the U.S. State Department

1. Trip Insurance

Frau Timmermann distributed informational brochures from Travel Guard regarding travel insurance. Each traveler is required to get travel insurance. Payment amounts vary based on plan. Two can be upgraded to cancel for any reason allowing for 50% reimbursement. Payments need to be made out to Travel Guard and brought in to school for Frau Timmermann to send in separately. The application was distributed and instructions were e-mailed out post meeting since Travel Guard did not include this with the brochures. Payments due on October 1st to Frau Timmermann. NOTE: Don’t forget to add the $7 processing fee.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 13th 6:00 p.m. Room 214
Tentative Agenda Items: Packing List/Luggage Restrictions/Handling Money**