

Shelly Shannon
President

With great anticipation, it's that time of year again! With the help of many parent, teacher and community volunteers, the Friends of Ogden is preparing to host its largest fundraiser, the Spring Soiree. This fundraiser is the primary source of Friends of Ogden's funding to provide donations to The Ogden International School of Chicago. As we ask parents, teachers, and community members to save the date, book the sitter, solicit auction items, donate auction items, open their wallets for ticket purchases, program book ad purchases, and then auction items and outright cash donations, the natural questions are asked:

Joe King
Vice President

Where does the money go that is raised at Friends of Ogden's events?

Barbara Hennessy
Secretary

How are donations to the school determined?

Michael Dschida
Treasurer

The money raised through your generous donations supplements the funding Ogden receives and is used to further the educational mission of the school. In recent years, the funding has been primarily used to upgrade and improve school technology and to purchase furniture and materials for additional classrooms needed to accommodate Ogden's growing population.

Nancy Dschida
Treasurer

In a collaborative effort, the Friends board and the principal work together to assess ongoing funding needs of Ogden. When a need is identified for which funding is not available within Ogden's budget and the principal has approved it, the Friends of Ogden board will vote on making a donation to the school and if approved, release the funds directly to the vendor providing the goods or services to Ogden. When considering donations, the Friends of Ogden's priorities are to provide donations that will benefit a broad group of students for an extended period of time and to make equitable donations to both of Ogden's campuses.

Dianne Brackney
2014 Spring Soiree Co-Chair

Shortly after the 2013 Spring Soiree, the following donations were approved and made available prior to the close of the 2012-2013 school year:

Jennifer Clarke
2014 Spring Soiree Co-Chair

\$32,000 – furniture for additional classrooms at the East Campus

\$20,000 – iPads for the junior class at West Campus

Sarah Anderson

\$17,500 – Smartboards for both campuses

Harriet Wilson Ellis

\$4,400 – staff professional development

Debra Fenwick

\$2,600 – supplemental funding to the amount raised at the Soiree by the Alumni Association for two \$2,500 scholarships awarded to two seniors at graduation

Judy Horrigan

The Friends of Ogden is very excited about the selection of Mr. VanderJagt as Ogden's new principal and has already begun working closely with him to begin addressing Ogden's needs. Mr. VanderJagt has quickly acclimated to Ogden, assessed the school's current situation and budget, and with the help of the school's staff identified the areas that need priority in funding. Friends of Ogden approved at its February meeting the following donations:

Lydia Kuser

Up to \$35,000 – 21 upgraded LCD projectors and attachments (7 at West and 14 at East)

Stanley Kuser

Up to \$9,285 – supplement funding of West Campus computer lab upgrades and improvement, specifically carpeting and electrical needs

Brian Madurzak

Other needs have been identified and will be presented for vote once quotes and other necessary information are available. In addition, Friends is working with Mr. VanderJagt to identify specific short-term and long-term needs and improvements of Ogden for which the 2014 Spring Soiree proceeds may be used.

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