



Psi Upsilon Chapter – University of St. Francis

November 14, 2007

Regular Meeting

Call to Order: Counselor Myrna McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5 P.M.

Members Present: Gina Gianfrancisco, Connie Diorio, Tom Wills, Renae Batsch, Jacquie Kuegebein, Jill Coster,, Patricia Arias, Jalynn Vaksdal, Leah Hostettler, Debbie McCafferty, Myrna McCarthy, Steve Midlock

Topics of Discussion:

- **Aspire – Inspire Book Bag Drive** – members turned in book bags. They will be delivered to Amy Brodeur's office at the Twin Oaks Campus. Members agreed to continue promoting the drive in their respective classes.
- **USF COE Careers to Education Conference** – Steve shared the conference specifics with the members. To date we have 12 breakout sessions planned and confirmations from 9 of the presenters. Breakout sessions include:
 1. **A Conversation with an Elementary School Principal** – TBA
 2. **A Conversation with a Middle School Principal** – Jeff Libowitz – Troy Middle School
 3. **A Conversation with a High School Principal** – Bob Williams – Minooka Community High School
 4. **A Conversation with a Special Education Teacher** – Noelle Harris – Johnson Elementary School, Wheaton School District
 5. **A Conversation with a Teacher in a High Needs Elementary School** – Steve Arthur – Falconer Elementary School – Chicago Public Schools
 6. **A Conversation with a Teacher in a High Needs High School** – Nadia Crisostomo – Joliet Central High School
 7. **A Conversation about the Extra-Curricular Duties of a Teacher** – Jason Midlock - Troy Middle School
 8. **A Conversation with A First-Year Teacher** – Marie Bohler –
 9. **A Team-Building Activities for Teachers** – Bob Barwa – USF
 10. **A Conversation with College of Education Students** – Ashlee Lindley, Leah Hostettler, Danielle Fawley, Debbie McClafferty
 11. **College Admissions Information** – TBA
 12. **Tours of the USF Campus** - TBA

Members signed up for volunteer duty on the day of the conference. At the next KDP meeting, members will prepare the mailers to go out to the high schools and Joliet Junior College.

- **Psi Upsilon KDP shirts** – Myrna shared samples of shirts provided by Ashlee Lindley. After considering a variety of color combinations, the membership decided upon a navy blue shirt with a beige collar. The KDP logo will be embroidered on the shirts. Members who volunteer to work at

the conference will wear these shirts to designate them as they provide assistance to our guests. Myrna is coordinating the orders.

- **Professional Growth** – Members shared concerns and thoughts about the APT.
- **Connections** – Steve presented a request from Dr. Gambro regarding ways by which KDP members could develop a “buddy system” with high school students who are interested in becoming educators. Some brainstorming took place about ways to establish these connections. Ideas included:
 - Inviting high school students to shadow KDP members for a day
 - Inviting high school students to USF events
 - Establishing an e-mail conversation with high school students

Members were asked to continue thinking about other ideas. A follow-up will occur at the next meeting as we begin implementation.

- **Next Meeting** – TBA when the conference mailers are ready.
- **Adjournment** – Myrna adjourned the meeting at 5:55 P.M.