



Durham School Board

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Omega Parker
and
Nancy Cox

Members Present

- Jennifer Albright
- Beth Anderson
- Jim Casey
- Marge Clemons
- Phil Stephens
- Phyllis Stout
- Bob Verne
- Trish Verne

Program

- Durham School Board
 - Omega C. Parker
 - Nancy Cox

Guests

- Quentin Parker,
Omega's husband

Life Membership Game

We played the Life Membership Game tonight with no winner, so \$11 will carry over to our next game.

Thanks to Nancy Cox and Phyllis for sharing humor this evening.

Omega Parker, with over 45 years of experience as an educator, has served on the Durham School Board for 4 years and has just been elected for another 4 year term. A native of Durham and graduate of NC Central University, she has a wealth of experience with the schools in Durham as teacher and librarian.

She shared her perspectives on the current challenges our schools face and the steps being taken to address the issues. She served on a special project for reforming the governance of schools in which

participants traveled to other locations nationwide to learn from efforts in other systems.

Omega indicated that much of the work of the school board occurs in the 3 committees (support services, instructional services, administrative services) that work out details on new policy or procedures before the board makes decisions. Her comments on the new legislation that will permit more flexible usage of lottery funds give us hope for even more improvements.

Newly elected board member. Nancy Cox, shared her thoughts on including the community in decision making which she believes will produce more common focus on educating our children, better results, and more accountability for stakeholders. She emphasized the importance of setting clear expectations. She strongly believes that effectively including the people of the community in authentic decision making will improve both the process and the results.

We appreciate their coming to share their thoughts.

CONGRATULATIONS

NOTE: We will catch up with Henry and Madeline later to present their awards.



To **Trish and Bob Verne**, for their outstanding work with our JOOI Club. The leadership they provide to these young people plus extra effort in making surgery dolls and engaging them in CCC collections have made this a great year.

To **Jim Casey** for all his CCC work and selling over 30 tickets to our wine gala. Thanks, Mr. Amazing!



*Preliminary Results from our
Member Survey*



Jennifer Albright reviewed with us the preliminary results from the survey responses received to date. Jennifer will be contacting those members who have not yet submitted their survey to complete our survey process. The final results will be coming soon. THANKS, Jennifer, for all your work on this effort.

OCCH Ballot 2010-2011 * * * Elections June 16th

Office	Candidate
President	Bob Verne
Vice President	Carolyn Mason
Vice President	Henry Jefferson
Secretary/Treasurer	Phyllis Stout
Directors	
2 years:	1 year
Marge Clemons	Jerry Phelps
Trish Verne	
Max Drake	

Elections of officers for the coming year were held at our meeting this evening. No nominations were made from the floor. The slate of officers presented was elected by majority vote. Thanks to our new officers for their willingness to serve.

Editor's APOLOGY: *In the last bulletin, I forgot to list Beth & Jerry as attendees at our Wine Gala. They WERE present and helped make it a success! Oops, sorry.*

☆☆☆☆☆ **President's ANNOUNCEMENTS** ☆☆☆☆☆

- If you are interested in serving on the Annual Banquet planning committee, please contact Beth by June 30.
- The next round of applications will be reviewed at the July board meeting. All applications should be submitted to Beth by July 15.
- If you are interested in serving on the Web Subcommittee with Phyllis and Beth please contact one of them by June 22.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 23	Board Meeting (note NEW DATE)
June 30	Program to be determined
July 4	4 on the 4th Race – contact Jerry to sign up
July 7	' First Wednesday ' Optimist Meeting
July 14	Program: DiShon Cain, Youth Programs, Dispute Settlement
July 21	Board Meeting
July 28	Program: Rev. Charles Barnes, Nationwide Insurance

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**4 ON
THE 4TH**

Volunteers Needed!
 Once again OCCH was selected as a volunteer organization to support the Cardinal Track Club's three annual road races. The first one is Sunday, July 4th. We will meet at McDougle Elementary School in Carrboro at 7:00 am. Remember – supporting the Cardinal Track Club's races is a HUGE fundraiser for us. Our club really needs for you to come out and work this race! Please plan to be there.

Kisses for Cancer

Our "Kisses for Childhood Cancer Campaign" concluded June 5 and 6th. I would like to thank each of you who generously gave of your time and made this a successful fundraiser. Due to your efforts the Club raised \$2944.27 this year . It is important to acknowledge that not only did the Club members come out, but Jim recruited past member, Katya. Bob enticed members of the JOOI Club to participate too. Bob and Jim brought in extra donations of \$2500. I think that we all know that Jim worked tirelessly and he is more than deserving of special recognition for his extraordinary efforts.