

FACE Annual Meeting report

We had a fun and productive annual meeting at the Granada Café on February 29th. (Note: when we formed FACE we agreed that it would **not** be an organization that had a lot of meetings. We schedule one general membership meeting each year and our steering committee meets every few months to check in with each other about on going projects.)

We reviewed the past year and discussed the BIG project we took on this past year—the Mosaic Tile Project at Crocker Amazon Playground. The project will wrap up soon and we are working on a special ribbon cutting, celebration party to take place in Mid-June. We are also planning a District 11 wide fundraising event to benefit Precita Eyes—in the fall. They have been so wonderful to work with. This beautiful tile project could not have happened without them and they are not being financially compensated nearly enough for all the hours they are putting into our project. We also want to thank them for the other great work they have done in our district over the years and the hope that they will head up other public art projects in our community in the near future. So stay tuned for details on that.

Here is a recap of the meeting and some upcoming FACE events and projects:

1. Participating in McLaren Park Earth Day—on April 20-in and around the Jerry Garcia Amphitheater.
2. Improving our newsletter and the ongoing search for a webmaster to help us with a decent website.
3. Participating again in the Excelsior Festival ---scheduled for Sunday Oct. 5, 2008. FACE Cards anyone? They are fun to make...so save your neighborhood photos and we will have some card parties in the future.
4. Networking with other neighborhood and park organizations to bring about active Friends of the Crocker Amazon Playground park group. It would be centered on the families who use the park. We would aid them in setting up work days, using Pak San and creating an understanding about how they can advocate for their playground. (Big News: Thanks to **Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC)** Crocker Amazon Playground is going to be the recipient of a Kiosk that can serve as a community bulletin board and networking site. (We may have to do a little fundraising for part of the cost, so stay tuned for that.))
5. We voted to make a donation to: The Balboa Playground re-building committee and the Denman Leadership club.
6. **Membership Stuff:** FACE membership can be FREE as an Electronic (e-mail) member but it is nice to have a little cash to be able to contribute to good community causes and to keep projects flowing. So...we would like to encourage any of our E-Members to become **FULL FACE** members. The cost is \$10/per year and this includes voting rights and a mailed or delivered newsletter, (if you desire it.) We also want to encourage anyone who would like to be extra generous to become a donor identified at a special member level acknowledging their commitment to our club. We are not a 501c3 organization—we are considered a Booster Club. Money donated to FACE would not be tax deductible but we do work with organizations that are tax exempt and donating to our projects (like the tile project) can be arranged to qualify for a tax deduction.

We also elected officers and our steering committee for 2008: Chairperson: Linda Harte, Vice-Chair: Wayne Hemer, Sec. Newsletter Editor: Linda D'Avirro, Treasurer: Grace D'Anca. Steering Committee members include: Sharon Eberhardt; Jean Feilmoser; Al Harris; Mary Harris, Karen Hemer; Franco Mancini, Bonnie Sherk; Claire Zvanski.

So if you are moved to make a membership or other donations: Please make checks payable to: F.A.C.E. and send or drop off at: 98 Newton St. SF 94112.

Thanks for a great year; Linda Harte, 2008 FACE Chairperson.