

ABC Board Meeting August 21, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Christine Holland.

Attendance

Nancy Velazquez, Christine Holland, Deborah Wilson, Janelle Burger, Cindy Soulier, and David Berg

Old Business

David Berg reported that the Audit was a success. The only concerns were over timeliness of deposits and documentation for reimbursement. Requests for reimbursement have been sent in but are waiting for the account's new signers to take effect.

Two scholarships (elementary) were awarded for summer pursuits. One went to Amisha Parikh and the other recipient was Michael Issaksen. It was presented that next year the availability of the summer scholarships be better communicated to the community.

Summer Event at Nisqually Wildlife Refuge brought 4 families along with Nancy V. out and David was the substitute speaker. The weather cooperated.

Nancy – Letters go out tomorrow for QUEST – everything moving along as planned. She confirmed that orchestra has been eliminated from the 4th grade curriculum.

Christine suggested a membership drive at both Meeker and Zeiger open house nights.

Cindy – Asked for pictures to post from all the events for public relations. Will have scholarship high school brochures update ready for review at the next meeting.

Janelle – There is a new full time teacher at the quad Sharon Gilleland. Janelle and Heather McMaster both go to ½ time. The budget will have to be reviewed to reflect the change.

Web Site

David – Anything that is going home with kids must be put on the website. The more traffic to the website the more QUEST benefits. Nancy reminded everyone about the Amazon link – any purchases through them, if accessed through the QUEST website, gives a kickback to the program. Parents hopefully will be able to utilize this feature.

New Business

Christine – The calendar: Back to School Night – an ice cream social (Oct. 2) 7:20-8:00 following the 7:15-7:20 ABC meeting. The evening would start at 6:30 with a membership drive.

Christine - Auction: Highly recommends a Schwann's catalog fundraiser in place of the auction. The company delivers direct and QUEST gets 30%. Motivation for the kids would be in the

form of a \$10 gift card to area merchants for every \$200 in sales. She also brought up selling “school folios” at the back to school night. The kickback for those is around 10%.

Cindy - \$20 Entertainment books make \$4.00 per book for QUEST. She is looking into getting some to have for sale at the back to school night. The company does take pre-sale orders. David would like information for the web site. We may be able to get them ordered for different areas – even out of state.

Christine – Upcoming Events

November’s speaker night will focus on parenting issues.

December 4th gingerbread house night. David will contact Zeiger about the event.

January 26 is pool party at Rogers – Christine will contact Rogers Pool.

February will be skate night (ice skating was proposed – Christine will call Sprinker Recreation Center).

March is open – we’re brainstorming.

Read-A-Thon – Pam Miller is the chairperson. We will be passing out information March 17-21.

Reading will take place March 25-April 5. Turn in monies April 25 (last Friday in April).

Information also available on website for securing pledges anytime before the event.

May open house may include an ice cream social and a bouncy toy in the parking lot. The level of celebration will depend on the success of fundraising events.

Cindy – will work on fliers with the chairpersons for all events when we have confirmed dates. David will try to locate previous year’s fliers to work from.

Christine proposed an adult outing – maybe wine tasting and art work walk in the spring.

Emergency preparedness kits for the quad need to be addressed.

Nancy - \$4000 has been proposed for WAETAG but this will not be recommended. Instead they are asking that we sponsor 2 teachers to go to Nationals at a cost of around \$1000 per teacher. Nationals will be in Minnesota the first week of November. Go to NAGC.org for more information.

Standing Rules Christine – Nancy has a position on the board. Other changes are highlighted on the 2007-08 Standing Rules which are attached.

Reimbursement forms need to be separated out – staff and board. Nancy will e-mail Julie and Christine will phone her about this.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.