

## **ABC Board Meeting October 16, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 6:12pm by Christine Holland.

### **Attendance**

Nancy Velazquez, Christine Holland, Tammy Insleman Deborah Wilson, Janelle Burger, David Berg, Heather Anderson, Julie Shaffer, Karin McNett, Kathryn Anne Anselmi, Cindy Soulier

**September Minutes** from the board meeting: wording changed regarding membership drives asking for donations. It should read a "501C letter for membership donations of merchandise." General Membership meeting minutes (10/02/07) were approved.

### **Old Business**

Ice cream social was a huge success! All feedback has been positive.

### **New Business**

Treasurers Report: We have taken in approximately \$1700 in membership dues. There are about 400 QUEST students in pull-out and self-contained.

Christine broached the subject about a parent/ABC rep going to NAGC Nov. 8-11 in Minneapolis. The budget may allow for some reimbursement. Many of the breakouts talk about parenting issues involving gifted children and how to make booster clubs like ours successful. It would cost about \$1400. This year we have 10 PSD representatives attending. Heather McMaster is paying her own way and the organization would like to reimburse her for her airfare and registration. Nancy and Christine will approach her about this. Janell wanted clarification made as to who would be eligible for consideration for sending to these events at the expense of the ABC budget. It was agreed that criteria would include being "a current board member of ABC." Budget could read 'Professional Development Teacher/Board Member. A motion was made to do just that. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President: We are 2/3 of the way to our membership goal.

Cindy - PAGE hopefully will do Schwann's with us. Kalles is not comfortable with ABC being vocal. Word of mouth and promoting the internet usage for the fundraiser as they will most likely make use of some of the funds raised. Inviting teachers to events personally may be beneficial.

Cindy – flyers will be available for upcoming events as soon as they are confirmed.

Nancy got an e-mail from the Coalition for Highly Capable Learners asking for donations as they will be out of funds by the end of the year. Please contact her for information about joining.

Marcia Holland could not be here. We received a thank you from the Coalition for our \$100 donation. Is now the chair of the NW Gifted. They are working on opening up lines of communication between employers who would be interested in hiring creative thinkers.

Margaret – Meeker Rep. – Not in attendance. Found graham crackers at the quad to be included in the emergency kits. Fruit snacks, water, jolly ranchers and crackers are planned for the kits.

Kathleen – Not in attendance. Questions were raised about when to send home more information about joining. Pull-out should take something home. A blurb should be in each month's newsletter.

### **Web Site**

David – We have several new e-mails thanks to the ice cream social and some are asking to be 'in the e-mail loop.' Schwann's information is now on the site. Traffic is way up. Some Amazon orders have trickled in. Word of mouth reminders to access Amazon from the website are important. The more orders from our website link the higher percentage ABC gets. A flyer will be sent out. Christine suggested a "help wanted" page on the website – things like pick up water for the quad, chair an event, etc. Parents are willing to help, they just don't know what needs to be done.

Karin – Pull Out Rep. asked if she should put a blurb in the newsletter about who she is and what she does. She had questions about what the pull-out rep. actually is responsible for. Nancy suggested some PR work, field trips, activities and such in the Connections newsletter.

Nancy we have a group attending the conference in November. The Coalition is interested in doing some fundraisers. Legislature is only in session for 60 days this year. We will not be sending a group of students this year as the bussing costs are about \$600. QUEST is still testing students as there are a couple of slots left open.

Tammy – Newsletter deadline will be one week after our board meetings. October's deadline is the 23<sup>rd</sup>. December will be an exception.

Cindy reports we have made \$44 on Entertainment Books.

Janell – We are looking at field trips – costs have risen. Teacher wants to know how to handle if costs overrun budgeted amounts. Next year's budget will have to reflect the increased costs. Nancy pointed out the ABC supports 1 field trip per class. Self-contained field trip money is in their total budget. Pull-out is a separate dollar amount.

Heather – Zeiger rep – no report.

### **Upcoming Activities**

Speaker night: November 13 – 7:00 (flexible time with speaker). Questions raised if it would be better to have it at the quad or Maplewood. At Maplewood chairs would have to be set up and taken down. Or we could use the library and some PHS students to supervise children in the gym for play. Or we could have the a movie with the kids while the parents listen to the speaker. More parents would come if a good activity for the kids were provided. Mad Science has a Winter Science program they bring to you. It would cost. Karin is looking into cost. Another venue is PHS because they have the room for a larger crowd (commons and atrium or

auditorium). Margaret will call for availability of facilities and student volunteers. Questions were raised about videotaping the event.

Gingerbread Night has been booked for December 11<sup>th</sup> - we need a chair or it will not happen. Set up, clean up, flyer about bringing candy all needs to be coordinated. Cancelled if we don't have a chair by the next board meeting.

Pool Party – Karin volunteered to rep. Unable to book so far. Cindy offered to stop by. Date is still January 26.

Christine asked for volunteers to go to the quad and deal with “stuff” in the attic.

Schwann's fundraiser – for one order kids get a geode. For \$100 a pizza party. For \$200 in sales the student sells they get a \$10 GC. You can order online or out of the catalog. ABC gets 30%. November 5<sup>th</sup> deadline is flexible – some schools are still doing their own fundraisers, etc. Orders that are needed to be sent right away to customers have to be ordered online as these orders will process immediately. Online deadline will be until the end of the year.

Mrs. Beck has requested a new printer in response to Christine's e-mail regarding wish list for incoming funds from fundraisers.

November meeting proposed for another location with food. The Ram, Las Palomas, The Rock were proposed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm, but not before the annoying fruit fly was smashed on the table by Karin.