

ABC Minutes March 18, 2008

Present: Nancy Velazquez, David Berg, Christine Holland, Heather Anderson, Cynthia A. Soulier, Deborah Wilson, Julie Shaffer, Tammy Inselman

Meeting called to order at 6:16pm by Christine Holland.

Minutes were changed to show the correct spelling of JulieShaffer's name, then approved.

Old Business:

Budget discussion – we need to sit down and communicate ideas as to the direction and goals of the ABC. What do we want to do with the money we bring in. We need to stay within the budget of what we bring in each year and spend only what we're committed to this year.

Some people have asked about the auction and seem to understand that no one wanted to take on the full-meal-deal auction.

New Business

NAGC/Legislative Report:

Christine represented NWGC, along with four other speakers, in Olympia and spoke to the House Subcommittee for Budget & Education concerning funding for Gifted Education. It went very well and the NWGC group's presentation caused a lively debate amongst the committee members, some of whom also seemed to share some of the frustrations that we experience. Sen. Katsama is considering running for OSPI.

Membership:

Christine asked that the board members talk to parents they meet about joining ABC. Personal invitations are best for new parents. We had three new members from the incoming 1st grade parent night.

Newsletter: Tammy – got a wonderful newsletter out. We need an article “Where Do The Funds Go” for an upcoming edition. Next edition will be coming out early May so the deadline will be Friday, May 2nd. An e-mail will go out asking for names and accomplishments of any QUEST child for publishing in the next newsletter.

SENG: Margaret - Flyers went out for the SENG Group (Cost is \$55 if you don't already have the book, \$30 if you do). It will be held on Fridays, April 11-June 6, 7:30-8:30 at Sunrise. Ann Koch recommends 10-15 families. There is a registration form that attendees need to complete. Information about the book will also be posted on the website.

Public Relations:

Nancy printed up ¼ sheet fliers for ice skating night. March 25, 6:30-8:30, get the word out.

New Business Reports

Treasurer:

Julie got in \$65 last month. Budget report was presented. Field trips will go up due to gas prices and we are charged for mileage. Julie got a \$172 bill for field trip. Christine wants to budget 10% more next year for field trips. We took in \$109 in Amazon kick-back. Budget was approved as printed. Only the RHS grad has claimed scholarship. Note will be sent to PHS and ERH grads who have not provided school information so a check can be sent.

Website:

David – is going to remind people about getting him electronic copies of communication to put on website. He needs electronic copy of everything and anything interesting. Message board is still under

improvements due to software issues. All teachers are going to be asked to submit names of science fair finalists. Look for more pestering e-mails from David.

Fund Raiser Notes:

In the spring at the open house (May 29 or June 3) the winners of the online auction will be announced. Any unsold items can be presented then along with the class baskets, if teachers are up to it. Flyers would go home after spring break for class basket donations. Cindy will do the follow-up calls for the online auction items. Businesses are holding off – currently we have 12 donations. The recession is having some effects on donations. Nancy has received a lot of returned mail – businesses closed/moved, etc. Nancy needs specific dates about the auction – businesses need them for donation purposes. She will start sending out the info to families, but not before the read-a-thon which happens over spring break. There are 3 level prizes for the read-a-thon participants. Monies will be due by April 25.

Coordinator:

Nancy – the quad is without a secretary as Paige took a job at Waller Road. The position will be posted Thursday and will stay open for 2-3 weeks then the interview process will begin. They are gearing up for self-contained testing process. Brochures will go home with 2nd graders soon. Wrapping up PAGE selection process – as of March 1 there were about 40 and 14 more from yesterday. The quad is on its last case of water.

Next Meeting:

April 15, 2008 at Las Palomas.

Meeting Adjourned:

7:40PM