

ABC Minutes September 9, 2008

Present: Nancy Velazquez, David Berg, Christine Holland, Heather Anderson, Deborah Wilson, Rhonda Looney, Rachel Shaffer, Julie Shaffer

Meeting called to order at 6:15pm by Christine.

Minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer: Julie – we are in balance of what we projected when we closed the books in July. (within \$30). The possibly outstanding bus field trip bill never materialized. \$25 from Amazon.com and \$2.00 from e-scrip, \$70 received from membership. We've paid the Coalition dues for the year already. There is a new form for incoming monies with more information to be provided as to where the funds are originating.

VP/Website: David – has created a thank-you letter for membership drive. The website is in need of updates – budget, minutes, scholarship, entertainment books, e-script sign-up, etc.

Standing Committees:

Coordinator: Nancy – QUEST welcomed Amy Miller at the quad who is job sharing. Ann Schumacher has joined the staff and has experience with gifted education. Testing began today for pullout, should be finished by Monday. Open house Oct 2 – gym is reserved – 6:30-7:00 for new families, 7-8:30 for returning families. Quite a few teachers are attending WAETAG Oct 24-25. Early registration is due this month – approx. \$165. Need based \$100 scholarships could be available for parents. Recipients would have to be ABC members to receive money. The world conference is in Aug. Info will be available on website and a blurb in the newsletter. Big year (budget & election) in Olympia. GE Day becomes more important. Coordinating with PAGE would take quite a bit of scheduling (subs for the PAGE teachers, etc.). Decisions need to be made early. The whole outing fits in well with the northwest history class. GE Day is Feb. 6. Nancy will contact the PAGE teachers and find out their thoughts. The \$900 is still in the budget and may be used for that purpose.

Family Events: Margaret Mason not present.

Legislative: No report.

Membership: Rhonda – is looking forward to the upcoming membership drive. Ice cream party for the grade level that brings in the most memberships. Could be a fundraising thing with grandparents, etc. You do not need to be a parent/family to be a member. Flyers can be sent and it will be on the website – coordinate with Nancy and self contained teachers.

Newsletter: Tammy has agreed to do the newsletter if no one else wants to do it – quarterly. Mid-Oct probably the first issue.

Public Relations/Secondary Schools: Cindy – not present – Entertainment books available from her.

School Board: Still an open position

Teacher Rep: Nothing to report.

Volunteer Coordinator: Absent

New Business

Calendar: Coordinated with Nancy and board.

Fundraising: Heather - Some families want to write one check to cover membership and excuse them

from any fundraising duties. Christine is going to average the funds raised from Read-A-Thon and Schwanns and give these families a total. Those children would automatically be eligible for any parties or awards offered for fundraising for the year. We can get donations from the United Way fundraising drives – info would be on the website. Heather is going to be formulating a fundraising-at-a-glance sheet for parents. When it comes to Schwanns this year, online ordering will be pushed for best delivery results. This year we will try the Gift-Cents program - purchase of gift cards through QUEST. Forms will be handed out at the ice cream social and again sometime before the holiday season. The turn around is quick – less than 2 weeks. We will have the credit card machine at the social.

Review Standing Rules: The new positions will be added and the duties will be spelled out. The School Rep positions will be deleted.

Ice Cream Social: Heather has parents willing to help Set up and tear down of chairs/tables.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2008, 6:00PM Las Palomas

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30PM