

**QUEST/PAGE ABC**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
*October 7, 2008*

Present: Christine Holland, David Berg, Deborah Wilson, Julie Shaffer, Janelle Burger, Nancy Velazquez, Heather Anderson, Kathryn-Anne Anselmi, Cindy Soulier

Meeting called to order 6:10 PM.

Correspondence was read from the coalition thanking us for our \$135 donation.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from Oct General Membership meeting were unanimously approved as written. Minutes from the September board meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Julie – talked to the Moneyminder people about handling the paperwork on our budget. The treasurer will just have to put in deposits, checks etc. and they do everything else. People can be authorized to view the budget and the current one will still be posted on the website. The cost for this service is \$179 per year. Teachers will be able to find out their current funds remaining in the budget when scheduling field trips or ordering supplies, etc. Janelle will be the teacher liaison with a password to view. The ice cream social cost us more because Schwann's did not donate the ice cream. Christine also bought ice cream scoops & serving ladles so we always have them for the social. We have about \$400 of funds that we encumbered that were not used last year we can use toward the ice cream social and other projects.

Vice President/Website: David – website traffic up a bit. Several people visited the website table during the social. Entertainment book info is on the website. The link works for Amazon but graphics disappeared due to something in the district firewall. E-scrip link is still in the process. Ultimately it would be best if all the cards (Safeway, Albertsons, etc.) could be signed up via the website. We would like to post pictures on the website from our events but need releases.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Coordinator: Nancy – We have 13 people signed up to go to WAETAG – October 23-25. There is no parent day. Theme is “Twice Exceptional Students”. E-mail received from Barb in Olympia indicated about a 6.5% budget cut due to the nation's financial crisis. It will be an “interesting” year for our program.

Family Events: Ice cream social a huge success. We had 150 individual families sign in. Two containers of ice cream are in Julie's freezer for the membership party. Gummy worms were popular. Good cross section of self-contained/pull-out/PAGE. Pool party and ice skate party are reserved.

Legislative: Feb. 6 – Gifted Education Day. We'll have appointments with our legislators. Join all three gifted organizations for \$90 – they are in need of the membership support and the funds. They are responsible for hiring our lobbyist who represents Gifted Ed.

Membership: We've taken it over \$1500 in membership dues so far this year.

Newsletter: Tammy is still doing the newsletter – she was not in attendance. We need articles – all standing committee chairs please submit them to Tammy's e-mail, please copy to Christine. We think 2-3 pages at this point. Tentative deadline is Oct. 13 which would give time to input and submit to the print shop around the 21<sup>st</sup> – goal to send home starting the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Public Relations/Secondary Schools: Following up with treasurer on some scholarships that are outstanding.

School Board: Vacant

Teacher's Rep: Janelle – teachers are excited about upcoming conference. ABC is covering hotel as long as it is double occupancy with a colleague only. If a choice is made to bring a spouse or room alone then ABC will not cover hotel.

Volunteer Coordinator: Not present. Christine will ask Cheryl to go over the old roster and see if people would like to volunteer again.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Calendar stands – swim party has been changed from last year to 12-2PM Jan 24<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$271.50. Ice skate night is Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Still looking for a guest speaker for Nov. (combine with milk & cookie night?)

Schwann's has changed their fundraising. They will drive their truck to an event and people can buy from there but there will be no more catalogs.

See's candy is too specific – you need to have counts etc.

Seed & Bulb fundraiser is a good choice. It's environmental and pretty and sells well.

The catalog companies also guarantee their products.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The quad water is still an issue. Some members feel strongly that fundraising dollars should not be put toward water for the staff. After discussion it was decided to shelve the water issue and each staff member should provide their own drinking water.

Emergency kits need to be updated as things are reaching expiration dates. Cindy volunteered to go through the kit and pull donations for the food bank then replace with a Costco run on Monday.

Quad cleanup by Christine went well. She threw a dumpster full of garbage out. The unlocked cabinet has food supplies (plates, cups, etc.), the next cabinet has misc. supplies – all organized. The attic still needs to be tackled.....There are many pictures (from the 1990's) that need to be organized.

Milk & Cookie story night as Read-A-Thon kickoff is Christine's idea. Nov. 17-Dec. 5 are the dates this year. About 150 families participate in the Read-A-Thon. Cindy will see about the cookie donation and we have plenty of cups for milk thanks to finding bags and bags of them during the quad cleanup. Maybe Costco or someone else would donate milk?

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.