

QUEST/PAGE ABC Minutes

December 4, 2008

Meeting called to order 6:17 by Christine.

Present: Janelle Burger, Ronda Looney, Christine Holland, Marcia Holland, Nancy Velazquez, Deborah Wilson, Amy Preszbindowski, Julie Shaffer

Correspondence: Letters were read from Brian Fox, Nancy Velazquez, Jenna Kooser, Lisa Kreiger and Ann Schumacher thanking us for WAETAG conference sponsorship.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Julie – is really enjoying the new money management reports. GiftCents \$803 minus a \$20 refund. Amazon \$34 this month and \$7 from E-script. Pool is paid for.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Coordinator: Nancy – still waiting to hear back about GEDay. Brian is supportive but we need approval. Celebration for QUEST's 30 years? January recognizing the School Board for their support. A treat with a thank-you note would be a nice recognition. Final funding decisions rest in their hands. This Thursday she is attending a meeting regarding upcoming budget. Much discussion over how to approach board members in an informal setting regarding GEd.

Family Events: Pool party coming up Jan 24, 12-2:00PM. The warm pool has been reserved!

Fundraising: GiftCents – good return for little work.

Legislative: Marcia – We have huge challenge with the state shortfall in the upcoming budget. In Seattle Times there was an article about GEd cuts in Seattle. GEDay Friday, Feb. 6. Looking for ways to get legislators into classrooms in December. BEFTF said it was constitutionally illegal to include GEd in basic ed. funding. Funding for entire state are tight so anything new will probably not get approved. Appointments will be scheduled as soon as aides are in their offices and who meets with who will be worked out at a later date. Our biggest challenge is NCLB focusing on the bottom 3%.

Membership: Ronda – 84 members so far. She has updated list. Jodi Franks 62% and Jennifer Beck 60% so they get the ice cream party. Heather MacMaster 5th grade 44%. After discussion they will get an ice cream party too. Days and times will be sent to the volunteer coordinator so any parents who want to help can be contacted. An artistic person is needed to design the tree with the leaves of member names. Letter needs to go out to parents who haven't joined explaining how important being a member is, especially this year.

Newsletter: Upcoming issue will focus on advocacy and membership. Amy noted it took a lot of effort to find out about the meetings and contact people in the newsletter. Bigger and bolder was recommended for names and contacts.

Teacher's Rep: Janelle – everything she had to say has already been said in other reports.

Volunteer Coordinator: We need to use our volunteers – teachers will contact about any projects they can farm out. Nancy asked for a budget quote for school board recognition goodies.

OLD BUSINESS

Guest Speaker Night: Christine talked about a guest speaker night focusing on advocacy with time for parents to mingle. Free food a must to attract people. Parents need to be educated regarding how to talk about GEd and what the program really does for their child.

NEW BUSINESS

On the horizon: Flower bulb fundraiser, Auction and the Nomination Committee.

Meeting adjourned 7:45PM.