

QUEST/PAGE ABC Minutes *June 16, 2009*

Present: David Berg, Deborah Wilson, Amy Prezbindowski, Kirby Burchett, Julie Shaffer, Rachel Shaffer, Christine Holland

Meeting called to order 6:17PM by Christine.

Secretary's Report: Minutes for general membership and board meeting approved as written. Correspondence read by Christine from quad teachers thanking us for teacher's week lunches. Lovering sent note also and Kalles teachers sent e-mails. Thank you from Ann Koch for our help at the conference in Tukwila.

Treasurer's Report: Julie - Report is current as of May 30. Two more checks need to be written to Beck & Lovering based on receipts they have submitted. This coming weekend auction totals will be entered. Total of about \$3000 going into account for credit cards entered at auction. GiftCents went well.

Vice President/Website: David – website use went well during auction. Traffic was up. Some bidding problems we experienced last year were avoided this year. Practice makes perfect. We learn more each year we do the event. Three things are still available for bid – NW Trek, Children's Museum & Comedy Underground tickets. Nancy couldn't find these items today when she went on.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Coordinator: Nancy – Letters went out and 84 people have not returned their letters of intent. About 8 have declined the opportunity. Letters were due Monday and it is a legal document that is required to participate. We will put something on the blog about returning papers. Shaw Road is still low on class size so they tested 40 more students from that area. Teacher names will be released on August 25 along with all general ed class assignments. Teachers that accept the position are “in program” which means they lose their seniority within the building that they currently teach. Teachers will have training over the summer – one teacher is going to William & Mary for training. Christine reminds us that there are legalities involved and teacher placement cannot be divulged at this time. We're not sure about the quad yet. Brian has told Nancy to leave everything alone and a decision will be made in the fall. Classes filled and lists to principals is the first priority. Second grade curriculum will not be much different from gen ed but more of an IEP style format to further each student. Second grade clustering will be from teacher/principal observation only – no testing. Brian's plan is that Nancy will have space in “many” schools rather than just one location. Nancy handed out recognition certificates to all board members.

Family Events: Open house & carnival June 4 at 6:00 for the mini-meeting. The hot dog ladies will be there hopefully set up and ready before so people can eat before settling in the gym.

Fundraising: Kirby – The GiftCents went well. Really easy company to work with. She has notes ready for the person taking over fundraising.

Legislative: Christine proposed that we acknowledge, monetarily, the lobbyist who worked so tirelessly in Olympia for the coalition. She proposed \$150, which will match the coalition's amount. Gifted went through the cuts unscathed and we need to acknowledge her work which accomplished this feat. Julie is looking at the budget and will meet with Janelle regarding field trip money which may not have been spent. David has no problem with \$150 – additional funds would need to be taken from somewhere else. He proposes \$300 and after discussion everyone

approved the amount. Board members also donated money to be included. It was also approved to send a gift card of \$100 to Carolyn as a thank you.

Membership: Kirby – no report

Newsletter: Cancelled

Public Relations/Secondary Schools: no report

School Board: no report

Teacher Rep: Janelle – they are busy packing and cleaning.

Volunteer Coordinator: no report

Communications: Amy – Kristie Gibney volunteered to be the volunteer coordinator. Another friend has offered to help also. Regional QUEST liaison paperwork was e-mailed to David and handed out at the meeting. Amy wants to communicate with the liaisons and have them communicate with their school's parents. Amy has already had contact with Maplewood PTA and they want to work with QUEST/PAGE ABC to coordinate their events so as not to coincide with our events. Amy wants to line up people now and be able to communicate with them over the summer. Clustering students need to be invited to participate in events. QUEST standing rules may have to be changed (and approved by the general membership) to reflect the incorporation of liaisons.

Old BUSINESS

- Teacher week went well – see notes on correspondence above.
- Online auction raised over \$2100.
- May Open House & silent auction raised \$840. Lots of people showed up to check out the projects. We sold about the same number of meals as we did last year. We may need to rethink the class baskets. The amount taken in is a lot lower than the donated amount for these. A dessert auction with prizes was proposed.

New BUSINESS

- People need to be transitioned from the old mailing list to the new forum. Carrie & David will be on an Alaskan cruise at the start of school.
- Looking at having open house at one end of town and carnival at the other to balance out where things are offered to attend.

Meeting adjourned 8:07