

Board Minutes – March 10, 2009

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dianne Clone. Members present were: Claudia and Noonan Brown, Mike McGhan, Dianne Clone, Gary Vittoz, Ron Byerly, Karen Abrahamson, Mary Frazier, Dee Cassidy, and Roger Nelson.

First item of business: Gary Vittoz reported on the new bank account at National City Bank. Two features that will benefit us are online banking and the ability to auto pay charges such as our domain name renewal. He also updated the board on the progress toward becoming a 501C3 organization. Becoming incorporated as an LLC would entail a one-time expenditure of \$350 and a yearly state fee of \$25. One of the advantages to incorporating would be removing personal liability responsibility from the individual board members. Gary reported that after incorporation fees, the treasury balance would stand at \$1,009.79. The Board may not be authorized to cash the grant check Ed McRee was given until we attain 501C3 status independent of the City of Eaton Rapids. Therefore, donating funds to Siren and Heart & Hands was tabled.

Gary designed an Expenditure Authorization Policy and a Request for Reimbursement Form. Ron Byerly moved and Dee Cassidy seconded that the board accept the Expenditure Authorization Policy and forms. Discussion followed. Gary will have a budget summary printout available at each meeting, and he will simplify the Excel format. Changes were suggested and added to the motion: the Request for Reimbursement Form will include a line for the name of the ABC project for which the expenditure is made and a line in the Treasurer Only section on which to record the check number of the reimbursement. The motion was passed.

Second item of business: Hobbies Rock! discussion followed. Dee Cassidy suggested we use some of the surplus generic tickets we purchased for the Social Security Scandals as meal tickets for each student who attends to submit when they receive their hot dog lunches. Roger Nelson brought a list of the hobbyists who were contacted about participating in Hobbies Rock! 2007. The list will be updated as we can, and some additional hobbyists were suggested. Roger will contact hobbyists by the 13th. He will also send each one a letter. Dee will print flyers to take to the schools as soon as some of the hobbyists are confirmed, no later than the last week in March. We will provide Greyhound Intermediate School with flyers for each child. Each Middle School TAG teacher will receive six flyers. Posters will be used in the high school.

Discussion followed on specific details of Hobbies Rock! Gary Vittoz is working on a new configuration for the hobby booths to improve the flow and encourage more participation at all the hobby stations. The length of time hobbyists will need for set-up and breakdown, as well as the number of hours and time of day for the show itself, were carefully considered. Roger Nelson moved and Dianne Clone seconded that we reconfirm the hours established at the January 24th meeting as follows: set-up from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Hobbies Rock! from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; breakdown from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Final item of business: Ron Byerly reported that he had a candidate for the Assets Youth service Award. The 2009 senior class president, Devon Rostafer, is a young lady who has established several programs which benefit both young people and the community. It was moved, seconded, and passed that we give her the 2009 Assets Youth Service Award. Mike McGhan will order the award, and the announcement of the award will also be made at the Honors Convocation in May.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frazier, Recording Secretary