

ASSET BUILDING IN OUR COMMUNITY
Board Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Jan McRee, and the following were in attendance in addition to the chair. Mike McGahan, Ed McRee, Karen Abrahamson, Diane Clone, Barbara Crockett, Gary Vittoz, Dee Cassidy, and Mary Frazier.

In keeping with the spirit of what we are about, Jan distributed a paper entitled, "Reaching Out to Make a Difference," for each to take with them and digest.

Gary Vittoz distributed a spread sheet of the financials, showing a bank balance of \$586.12. There was a brief discussion regarding fund raisers, and the need for ASSETS to generate additional operational dollars. There was a motion and support to accept the Treasurer's report as printed. Approved.

Dee Cassidy disseminated copies of the Hobbies Rock posters, all of which will be distributed and in place by April 29th. The posters are outstanding art work and carry the Asset message about Hobbies Rock beautifully. Dee and Barbara Crockett are distributing the posters.

Discussion about Hobbies Rock: It was proposed that the ASSET board have a booth near the exit, which would play a DVD about some of the programs ASSETS sponsors. It was agreed this should be done. (1) Gary Vittoz will set this up on a computer. (2) We plan a \$50.00 donation to the church for use of the Fellowship Hall, and unanimously authorize this expenditure. (3). Several details about the Hobbies Rock afternoon were mentioned. The "Wetorgan" will be brought by Karen Abrahamson and her husband, Keith. (4) Gary Vittoz will make "name cards" for each exhibitor's table. (5) Men of the church will supply snacks. (6). Name tags for the kids will be supplied, and (7) Dianne will make a contact about the provision for a welcoming table with appropriate brochures and informational folders regarding the work of ASSETS. (8) Set up of tables and chairs will occur from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and the demonstrations and shows will begin at 1:00 p.m. and go until 4:00 p.m.

Jan McRee reported that the Chamber of Commerce dinner and the awarding of the Community Youth Service Award went smoothly. The recipient, Devan Rostofer, is an exemplary student, senior class president, and school activist. She was gracious in her response to receiving the designation, and deeply appreciated being so honored.

Dee Cassidy noted that the Writing Project is planned for the third week of September or October. Karen Abrahamson noted that there is a forestry magazine that might publish some of the writing done by the youth involved in this program.. Dee will be discussing this project with some of the teachers, to hopefully have the Writing Project fit with the curriculum studies, using different areas of “green.”

There is still a need for additional board members. While the 4:00 meeting hour may be a deterrent to some potential members, evenings are generally unacceptable, and other daytime hours are often in conflict with other obligations. We need to make a concerted effort to single out talented parents who are interested in enhancing the growth experiences of children and equally interested in being a part of an organization that is “making a difference,” in the life of the community.

Karen Abrahamson noted that we need to have a fund raiser, to enhance the treasury, and suggested we might want to consider doing such a project in tandem with HEARTS AND HANDS. She suggested a dinner and service silent auction might be an effective project.

There was a general discussion about a higher level of visibility for ASSETS and its work. Presentations to service clubs would greatly enhance public knowledge of what we do and who we are. Using our banner more effectively along with our posters would also enhance recognition of our name.

Dee Cassidy will invite Karen Holzschu to our meeting on May 12, to make a presentation on “Kids Hope.” It is a project that we need to know more about, and one that involves mentoring.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frazier, Recording Secretary