

ASSET BUILDING IN OUR COMMUNITY
Board Meeting Minutes, November 10, 2009

Members in Attendance: Karen Abrahamson, Ron Byerly, Dee Cassidy, Dianne Clone, Mary Frazier, Ed McRee, Jan McRee, Ron Kittilson, and Gary Vittoz.

The meeting was called to order by Dee Cassidy, and the invocation was given by Roger Nelson. Ron Kittilson (285-8971), a new member to the board was introduced and welcomed by the chairperson, Dee Cassidy.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$596.50 after expenses for the Write-On project, which amounted to \$74.45. The principle amount was for a color cartridge. It was moved and supported that the Treasurer's report be approved as submitted.

A letter from Heather Fox of the Lansing YMCA was read. It indicated that there would be three meetings, November 17th, 30th, and December 7th to participate in a focus group regarding community needs and services in Eaton Rapids. To attend contact Brenda Stor in the Superintendents's office at 663-1209 or 663-8155 #7.

There was discussion about possibly moving the Asset Board meetings to the Union Street School. Several opinions were offered, and it was decided to table the discussion to a future date.

Under old business, the chair reviewed the "Write On" project held last week. The turn-out was excellent, and awards were made. Don Kittilson emphasized that the kids should to be involved in projects of this nature, even if their work is not very good. He noted that kids need to be in charge of their ideas in their writing. Dee hopes to work with these young writers on a consistent basis and with regular scheduled sessions.

Regarding the upcoming project, "Strut Your Stuff," Karen Abrahamson noted that the time lines had been printed and distributed to the members. She noted that we need to check with Mr. Dessance, and that letter was also being sent to all building administrators and posters will be going to each school.

Concerning board activity, Ron Byerly and Don Kittilson encouraged the inviting of talented specialists to lead project programs such as "Strut Your Stuff" and "Write-On."

In delegating the responsibilities to others, it frees board members to have time to innovate and do "think tank" work, thus becoming more creative in determining the community services that Assets can offer.

Regarding "Photo-Voice," Ron Byerly indicated that the school will not need our help. Cameras are available from all parents, relatives, and supportive individuals.

After some discussion, a motion was made to change the name of "Hobbies Rock," to "Hobby Fest." The motion carried.

With no further business, the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frazier
Recording Secretary