

School District 62 Foundation Board Minutes
April 7, 2009

The April 7th meeting of the School District 62 Foundation Board was called to order by Co-President Betty Murphy at 3:40 p.m. at Grazie! Ristorante and Banquets. Members present: Kristin Dahlstrom, Sue Oehrlein, Elaine Orstead, Karen Pedersen, Christy Piszkievicz, Debbie Post, Sherrill Snyder, Mindy Ward.

1. Secretary's Report: Mindy moved and Sue seconded that the minutes from the February 24, 2009, meeting be approved; motion passed. Karen moved and Elaine seconded that the minutes from the February 3, 2009, meeting be approved; motion passed. Thank-you notes from the students who have participated in the "You've Got Mail" mini-grant from North School were passed around.

2. Treasurer's Report: Debbie distributed the report indicating that we have \$47,268.57 following the fundraiser. Elaine moved and Christy seconded that the report be approved; motion passed. Debbie reported that all donations have been acknowledged.

Sue indicated that she has received the annual report request from the state of Illinois; she said that it is required to list all officers with their social security numbers and to provide the names of the other Board members. This year she said we will need to file the longer form. Debbie and Sue also feel we should be considering other banks than First Midwest; they will investigate this.

3. Foundation Board Positions: Debbie suggested that Sue take over for her as treasurer so that Debbie can concentrate on the job of acknowledging and following through with donations as well as other work done by the corresponding secretary. Debbie moved and Kristin seconded that **Sue Oehrlein be elected Foundation Board Treasurer**; motion passed. Betty moved and Kristin seconded that **Debbie Post be elected Foundation Board Corresponding Secretary**; motion passed.

Betty said that changes in Board positions are being discussed. At the last meeting Sally indicated that she needs to fulfill other obligations and will step down from the Board after the 2010 February fundraiser. Maxine plans to remain as Co-President through that time also, and Betty said that she will stay as Co-President through the 2011 fundraiser with the expectation that someone else will move into the position of Co-President when Maxine leaves it.

All agreed that a clear-cut progression and succession of positions as well as terms of office would be helpful. Questions concerning ideal Board size, necessity of all members at all meetings, etc., were raised. Mindy volunteered to put together an organization structure plan based on bylaws if she is no longer responsible for the publicity. Kristin, who volunteered to work on publicity, will succeed Mindy and handle publicity. Elaine moved and Sherrill seconded that Mindy be removed from her publicity responsibilities to work on structural organization; motion passed.

Debbie and Sue recommended Susan Adams as a possible Board member, and it was suggested that she be invited to the May meeting.

4. **Benefit Dinner:**

Give a Wish a Home – Christy said things went well at the dinner; she noted that she now realizes how much work Karen has put into this project. Also, Betty asked for approval for a colleague to add a wish this year; it was given and will be listed on the district website.

Student Art/Savings Bonds – Sue will get student addresses from Betty so she can get the savings bonds.

Other Follow-Ups – Debbie said there are still a few minor things to be resolved, leftovers from the benefit.

Next Year's Event – Tentative date is February 19. Theme ideas include the following: Dancing with the Administrators; New Orleans, including zydeco Cajun dance music; Spring Fling with a DJ, casual - perhaps with no dinner, maybe appetizers, etc.

5. **Mini-Grants:**

08/09 Grants – Reporting System – Betty has had 20 or so follow-ups returned.

09/10 Grants – Applications will be available before teachers leave for summer break. See **Judging and Prize Patrol Schedule** below:

Fri, Aug 28 – Mini-grant applications are due.

Mon, Aug 31 – Betty gets applications to Diep.

Tues, Sept 8 – Applications are passed to the judges.

Fri, Sept 18 – Judges return applications to Betty.

Tues, Sept 22 – Foundation Board approves mini-grants.

Week of Sept 28 – Oct 2 – Prize Patrol for all schools but Iroquois

Week of Oct 13 – 16 – Prize Patrol for Iroquois

Betty has sent out an email to the staff to indicate that mini-grants will be awarded in the fall. Dave Bills will be asked to contact the judges to see how the new time frame works out for them. Also, it was decided that principals may apply for mini-grants which might help them implement mandated programs.

6. Cents for Kids: Betty suggested that we put the Cents for Kids info in staff mailboxes when we hand out the “thank-you for participating” cookies on Tuesday, June 2nd. Cookies will again be ordered from Cumberland Bakery.

7. Back to School Night: All agreed that the original date of August 20th is most desirable even if Cheeseburger isn't able to accommodate our group. Other suggestions for location were Grazie, Club Casa, Olivetti's and Katie's Kitchen. Expectations are that the \$5 or \$10 ticket price go to the Foundation, appetizers/munchies be provided by the venue, and liquid refreshments be purchased by each participant.

8. July 14 Chamber Event: We decided not to participate since most of the attendees are non-profits.

9. Annual Planning Session: This meeting will again be in June, date TBD.

Next Meeting: Tues., April 28, 3:30 p.m., Grazie!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrill Snyder
Recording Secretary