

School District 62 Foundation Minutes
October 23, 2007

The October 23rd meeting of the School District 62 Foundation Board was called to order by Co-President Maxine Hubbard (MH) at 3:40 p.m. at Grazie! Ristorante and Banquets. Members present: Kristin Dahstrom (KD), Sally Garcia-Fernandez (SGF), Nick Mitchell (NM), Betty Murphy (BM), Elaine Orstead (EO), Karen Pedersen, Christy Piskiewicz (CP), Debbie Post (DP), Sherrill Snyder (SS), Terry Schwab (TS), Marcy Vedral (MV), Mindy Ward (MW). Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Diep Nguyen (DN) also attended.

1. Welcome and Introductions: MH welcomed and introduced Terry Schwab, former District 62 department chairman and teacher, who later in the meeting became an official member of the Board.

2. Secretary's Report: The minutes of the October 9th meeting were approved with the addition of Karen Pedersen as an attendee.

3. Treasurer's Report: The report was approved. DP indicated that she and MH are still investigating local banks and investment firms to try to establish an endowment with the Bob Cowell Estate Donation.

4. Mini Grants – Adopt-a-grant: BM passed around a list of this school year's mini grants and encouraged each board member to personally support at least one by participating in the activity when it takes place.

5. Chicago Wolves Night: Only 10 tickets were sold for this fall's event. It was suggested that we consider just doing this in the spring.

6. Foundations Conference – February 8, 2008: MW and EO spoke to the value of this conference which helps puts things into perspective. The cost is only \$65 per person if 3 attend. Reservations due date is February 1.

7. February 1, 2008 Benefit:

Entertainment: MW, MH, and NM have been checking potential groups for our comedy show. NM suggested that we only consider those who take a flat fee and try to negotiate it lower. KP will also check Improv Olympics, and MW will check Chicago Comedy Company to see if they have a different show from the one presented last year. When the upper price limit was discussed, Treasurer DP suggested that \$2,000. be our top. The entertainment choice must be nailed down by the November 6th meeting.

Foundation Letter, Contribution Form, FAQs on Donations: DP put together this three-part piece which can be distributed to potential donors. A few revisions were suggested.

Potential Donors: CP will secure a list of businesses from the city. All board members are asked to make a list of possible contacts. Before Thanksgiving the DPEA and teachers should be contacted about auction donations through inter-office mail.

Timeline to Date:

Nov. 6 – Nail down entertainment.

Nov. 6 – Establish remainder of timeline for event.

Before Thanksgiving – Send out mailing to businesses.

Before Thanksgiving – Contact DPEA & teachers for auction donations.

After Thanksgiving – Send out mailing to patrons and others.

8. Next Board Meetings: Tuesday, November 6, 2007; 3:30 p.m.; Grazie!
Tuesday, November 27, 2007; 3:30 p.m.; Grazie!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrill Snyder
Secretary