

School District 62 Foundation Minutes
November 6, 2007

The November 6th meeting of the School District 62 Foundation Board was called to order by Co-President Betty Murphy (BM) at 3:40 p.m. at Grazie! Ristorante and Banquets. Members present: Kristin Dahlstrom (KD), Stephanie Duckman (SD), Nick Mitchell (NM), Sue Oehrlein (SO), Elaine Orstead (EO), Karen Pedersen (KP), Debbie Post (DP), Terry Schwab (TS), Sherrill Snyder (SS), Marcy Vedral (MV), Mindy Ward (MW).

1. Secretary's Report: The minutes from the October 23rd meeting were approved. MW brought several mini-grant thank you notes from students, teachers, and principals which were shared with the group and filed with the secretary.

2. Treasurer's Report: The \$11,000. in grants to the principals of each of the schools (\$1,000) per school) have been awarded. After the February 1, 2008, benefit, we will follow up on how the funds are being used to help achieve the goals of each building's School Improvement Plan.

3. Benefit Planning

a. Entertainment: After discussion of options, it was moved by EO and seconded by SD that the entertainment for the February 1 benefit be Improv Unlimited; motion passed. The contract is for \$1200 with a \$400 deposit to be returned with the signed contract. This includes 4 performers, a pianist, and a sound board operator. MW will serve as the liaison.

b. Ticket Price: NM reported that the cost to the Foundation for each meal at the benefit will be \$18.95 per person which includes the tax and gratuity. This is \$1 more than last year. Last year the Foundation made a 40% net profit from the dinner. KD moved and MV seconded to keep the ticket price at \$40 per person; motion passed. DP stated that there were 267 attendees at last year's benefit; NM indicated that the room can accommodate up to 300 if some exhibit tables are relocated to the corridor.

c. Donna Catlett Businesses: Donna Catlett, the mayor's secretary, can be contacted for the list of businesses. At the October 23rd meeting Christy Piszkiwicz volunteered to secure a list of businesses from the city; BM will follow up with her.

d. Schedule/Timeline:

Wed., Nov. 14 – Fold and stuff business mailing at DP's home so this can be put out before Thanksgiving. DP volunteered to obtain and prepare all items needed to complete this step.

Tues., Nov. 27 – Fold and stuff mailing to last year's attendees and new retirees at regular monthly meeting. Teachers and staff will receive above through inter-school mail.

Tues., Dec. 4 – Fliers bundled by building need to be to MW for distribution to students on Fri., Dec. 7. SO volunteered to run the fliers.

Dec. & Jan. issues of "Inside 62" – Solicit benefit donations.

4. Neediest Families Dinner: NM invited Board members to help with this dinner which provides a free holiday meal and gifts for the children of the city's neediest families. The date for the dinner will be approximately a week before Christmas; he will have it at the next regular meeting.

5. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 27, 2007; 3:30 p.m.; Grazie!

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrill Snyder
Secretary