

Pana Community School District #8

Pana Educational Foundation Committee Minutes

Date: December 15, 2010

Time: 7:06 AM

Location: Pana Unit 8 School District Office

Call To Order By: Rebecca Carter, President

Roll Call: Members present were Don Allen, Rebecca Carter, Jim Downs, Jay Dunseth, Dennis Ishmael, Al Stupek and Rhonda Weideman.

Members Absent: None

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors: Dr. Bill Beyers

Approval of Minutes: Downs made a motion to approve the minutes from the PEF November 17, 2010 meeting seconded by Dunseth. All yes.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Downs reported that our regular checking account balance as of the November 30, 2010 bank statement was \$26,669.53. Jim stated that we had one bill for cookies taken to teachers for \$351 and recorded \$9.44 in an interest deposit. Jim also reported that our internet checking account had a balance of \$5,168.24. We did have 1 bill for two \$50 gift certificates for the Pana Community Hospital Bizarre. Rhonda and her children worked the bizarre and promoted the PEF and the "My Shopping Genie" program. Ishmael made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Allen seconded it. All yes.

### **Items Discussed:**

#### Committee Reports:

- 1) **Scholarship** – Nothing to discuss at this time.
- 2) **Courtyard** – Nothing to discuss at this time
- 3) **Mini-Grants** – The official presentation of the mini-grants will be at halftime of the Pana boys' basketball game with Taylorville on Tuesday, January 11, 2010. Dr. Lett reported that we should soon start seeing some billing for mini-grants soon.
- 4) **Publicity** – Dr. Lett reported that our year end appeal response has been good and we expect more donations before the end of the year. Dr. Lett also

reported that the PEF received a \$495 memorial donation for Ruby Munzenmaier to be used for a scholarship. He will get more clarification from Ruby's relatives as to how the money should be used. Jim, Becky & Jay will serve on a committee with Dr. Lett to further develop scholarship guidelines.

Dr. Lett also reported that the PEF received a thank you note from the Jr. High for cookies and stated the Deb Zueck has received a couple of thank you notes for mini-grants.

Dr. Lett reported that the "My Shopping Genie" project prospects didn't look good. He recently received a letter from the "My Shopping Genie" administrators that they would be shifting from a pay per click methodology to strictly commission. Dr. Lett is looking into getting the money the PEF has spent on this program back from "My Shopping Genie". We'll then focus our attention on the affiliate links Dr. Beyers has established on the PEF website.

Dr. Beyers talked about establishing an "Alumni Event" to generate funds for the PEF. He also suggested that we develop set projects that businesses can tie their donations to. One suggestion was to develop a technology lab. Dr. Lett will meet with Dr. Beyers, Dave Dively and Scott Savage about this project.

Dr. Beyers reported that we have 150 members on our website and around 130 Facebook participants. Becky will look to establish a blog on the PEF website about the PEF.

Dr. Beyers will be back at a later date to review these ideas.

Don Allen recommended that we look into developing an accounting system to make sure we don't take on projects that would extinguish our resources.

Next PEF Board meeting is set for Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 7:00 AM at the Pana CUSD #8 office.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ishmael and seconded by Dunseth. All yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 AM.