Unity Community Ed Advisory Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, August 8, 2013, 12:00 p.m.

Persons in attendance: Brandon Robinson, Pat Kastens, Tanna Worrell, Kim Butler, Joey Nelson, Jason Cress, and Deb Paulsen.

Motion was made by Joey Nelson and seconded by Tanna Worrell to accept the minutes from the June 27, 2013 meeting as presented.

Community Picnic:

The picnic will take place on September 28, 2013. Tentative schedule of 9:30 Wellness Walk and lunch served from 11:00-12:30.

A letter to community sponsors for all major events/initiatives has been composed and will be sent out in August to give sponsors an overview of events for the 2013-14 school year in which we would welcome and appreciate their donations. This one-time letter would replace the process currently in place in which local businesses are asked several times per year to donate.

A brainstorming session to consider more groups to invite and activities to offer during the picnic resulted in many new ideas that will be pursued. Some new ideas were a remote-controlled air plane show, radar gun pitching/baseball throwing, soccer kicking challenges, spin art machine, and carriage rides.

We will be working with the Centuria Village Board to plan the Homecoming parade on Friday, September 27. More details will be known after the next village meeting. The Homecoming football game will be Saturday, September 28 at 2:00 pm against Webster.

Fall 2013 Course Offerings Overview:

Class sign-up for fall courses has been slow, but more advertising is being put out to the community as the dates for the classes draw closer. The Oct. 19 bus trip to see Wicked at the Orpheum has been met with lots of positive feedback, with less than half of the tickets remaining for sale. The Play N' Learn class will be starting up again, with a possible second class added due to high demand last spring. Discussed adding piano lessons at school, taught by a few different instructors.

ITV Classes/Field Trips

Looking into offering community ed classes that involve Northern Lights Network programming that offers field trips and classes from around the world. Will check into the possibility of using ITV to connect with other community ed classes running through other schools.

Community Ed Policy (BCF) Review

Policy was reviewed by advisory council, with only grammatical changes being made.

WCEA/ICEPAC update

WCEA met Aug. 1 to plan the fall meeting that will be held in Green Lake in conjunction with WSPRA. ICEPAC will meet Oct. 1 in New Richmond.

Miscellaneous

Brandon Robinson explained the status of Fund 80 with new state legislation, noting that the fund tax levy is frozen for the next two years. Additionally, the Fund 80 budget must be posted on our website and with the Annual Meeting materials.

A recommendation to create a new Facebook page for Unity Community Ed was discussed. The possibility of collaborating with other northern region Community Ed's to create a website or Facebook page was also discussed.

Steps toward being able to accept online payment for classes is being looked into through Skyward Revtrack. Another option would be setting up a PayPal account.

Next meeting date is September 5, 2013 at 5:00 pm. The time has been changed to possibly allow more people to attend the meeting.

A motion by Joey Nelson and seconded by Tanna Worrell adjourned the meeting.