

Pana Community School District #8

Pana Educational Foundation Committee Minutes

Date: May 20, 2009

Time: 7:04 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, Dennis Ishmael, Jay Dunseth.

Members Absent: Al Stupek and Bob Zueck

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors: Bill Beyers

Motion was made to approve minutes of April 22, 2009 meeting by Allen and seconded by Dunseth. All yes.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Downs reported that our checking account balance as of the April 30, 2009 bank statement was \$18,185.90. Jim reported that there was a deposit of \$550.00 made and we received an interest payment of \$7.17. There were no April disbursements. Jim was given a bill this morning for \$977.84 which included a mini-grant pay out and for the cost of frames of \$33.00 for the mini - grant certificates. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Ishmael and seconded by Allen. All yes.

Items Discussed:

Committee Reports:

1. Scholarship – Jim Downs had a committee made up of Ishmael, Jim and Tom Morrell to review the applications for this year's scholarship being presented at graduation. There were 10 applicants. They said there were several really good candidates. The chosen person was Charlee Downs.
2. Courtyard – Lett reported that there is a scheduled meeting for tonight (May 20, 2009 at 5:30-7 PM). Bill Beyers was at the meeting to review some of the ideas that the Courtyard Committee has been discussing. Continual discussion was made in regards to making sure that students were involved with the project. Bill Beyers, Will Beyers, Dr. Lett and Corena Watson visited the Effingham Teacher of the Year. They were extremely impressed with this person. They also visited with Lake Land College.

3. Mini-Grants – Dennis Ishmael will be making a presentation at the May 29, 2009 Teachers Institute reminding the teachers of the program and how it can benefit them and their students. Ishmael also reported that the email avenue was a great benefit to him this year in receiving the applications. This process worked much better than having a middle person involved as previously done. Carter also indicated that one more picture needs to be taken with Bill Eversole and then we can get it in the paper, as well.
4. Publicity – Dr. Lett has Heather finalizing the ad for the Memorial Donor Recognition Ad. The plan is for it to hit in Thursday's paper prior to Memorial Day. If not, then it will have to appear in the following Monday's paper. Carter mentioned the "Stuff the Bus" campaign that had been discussed several months ago involving school supplies being donated and handed out to the children that need them. Dr. Lett is checking with John Metzger from the Lions group to see if this had been done in the past and if it had been co-sponsored with a ministerial group or other. "Stuff a Bus" was tabled to be discussed at the June meeting. Labor Day Parade will also be discussed at the June meeting.

New Business:

Dr. Bill Beyers attended today's meeting and discussed ideas for fundraising, which involves both the foundation, as well as, the courtyard. These ideas are for the sustaining of donations on a longer term basis. Bill's main goal was to bring the Foundation Board up to speed on what has been discussed and what avenues are being explored to gain monies for the courtyard and the Foundation. More discussion was in regards to the visit to Lake Land and to Effingham. It may not be possible to create a Spring Course for the students on videotaping; however, it may be possible to create a club to get these students involved prior to class starting up. Memberships and recruitments to a website were discussed. Bill wanted to videotape the graduation on the 29th. Dr. Lett gave approval for that from the District. Bill will be returning to our June 17, 2009 meeting for an update.

Next PEF Board meeting is set for Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 7:00 AM at the Pana CUSD #8 office.

Motion to adjourn was made by Allen and seconded by Ishmael. All yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:03AM.