

**FUND69 Meeting Minutes**  
**May 10, 2006**

*In attendance:* Annie Uchtman, Laura Williams, David Donegan, Terri Lefler, Angelica Studer, Debbie Rizki, Therese Block, Alina Boruszko (for Brad Stein), Dr. Becky Nelson, Lori Miller, Mylinda LaPaglia, Renee Miller, Gil Poppenhagen, Cathy Crawford

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm.

Introductions of the Board members and audience were made.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the general meeting on 4/19/06 were distributed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the April meeting without any corrections. It was carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

None

**Committee Reports**

None

**Old Business**

1. Barnes & Noble Fundraiser

FUND69 made approximately \$800 from the Barnes & Noble event on 4/22. Terri will be writing thank you notes to those teachers/administrators that participated (Debbie stated that she has already written notes to the Madison teachers). Annie will send a thank you to Mary Anne Diehl at the bookstore. Terri thanked Gil for passing out our vouchers in the community before the sale date.

We are interested in obtaining pictures from the event to include on our website. Debbie thinks that Theresa Voshel (first grade teacher) took pictures; she will check with her. Additionally, a district parent, whom Laura thinks she knows, may have also taken pictures. Laura will follow-up with this parent.

Overall, there were a lot of positive responses from the teachers who participated. The biggest crowd was likely present during the Madison time slot (9-11 am) then again when Lincoln students presented (3-5 pm). In the future, we will need to determine if we'd like to not have a lunchtime slot since that may not be an optimal time for families to be there.

We will probably be having another B&N sales event in early December before the winter holidays. Mylinda offered to include this in the PTA calendar for the next school year. She will be having a calendar meeting sometime within the next few weeks. Annie will contact Mary Anne Diehl to see how far in advance another book sale date may be scheduled.

Per Dr. Nelson, School Board meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month next academic year. PTA meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday. So, to try to avoid conflict, we will most likely hold FUND69 meetings next year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (only the 7:30 pm meeting time will be included on the PTA calendar).

## 2. Committee Formation

We are especially interested in getting a walk-a-thon committee formed and working. Overall, the event will be very similar to the one held last year, although some modest changes will be made based on the feedback obtained after the walk last September. The date has been set (9/16), and the subcommittees, for which volunteers are needed, have been identified:

- Forms – registration (make more user-friendly)
- Food
- Village – permit, route (running route?)
- Raffle – gift certificates
- T-shirts – logo design contest
- Publicity
- Set-up & take-down (day of event)

Dominique Shemroske is already working on securing food donations. Gil Poppenhagen offered to help with the Village subcommittee. Therese will talk to Mike Petkus at Lincoln to see if he might be interested in working on a running route; she will have him contact Laura. Lori Miller and Cathy Crawford both volunteered to work on the Raffle subcommittee, while Renee Miller is interested in helping with the T-shirts.

Suggestions:

- Avoid Oakton as a significant part of the route.
- More crossing guards – perhaps one or more of the school crossing guards might be willing to volunteer their time?
- Send a flyer out to the kids & their families about the next walk-a-thon date and include information about the t-shirt design contest with rules and (possibly) a deadline.
- Publicize the event and the foundation at the summer Information Days

A date was set for a meeting of the walk-a-thon committee on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Administrative Center. The permit and t-shirt contest/save the date flyer will need to be taken care of before then.

## 3. Open Board Positions

Three board positions will be open for election this summer (Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Community Member). The basic requirements for any Board member are to attend the monthly business (6:30 pm) and general meetings (7:30 pm) on the second Wednesday of the month as well as oversee a FUND69 committee (which could require additional meeting times). Laura, Terri, and Hope are all willing to stay on for next year, but elections will be held at the July FUND69 meeting. Gil Poppenhagen has expressed interest in serving on the Board, possibly in the role of Community Member. Mylinda will provide the foundation with a copy of a sample PTA ballot.

## **New Business**

### 4. Games-to-Go Follow-Up

Alina shared examples of the “Games-to-Go” materials currently being used at Edison. The majority of the games focus on either reading (~15 games) or math (10-15 games), but other subjects are covered as well. Teachers have primarily been using them so far in their classrooms, so the students are learning how to play the games. This summer, she plans on organizing information sheets for the parents as well as packets for take-home use which will start next fall.

A request was made for Alina (or Edison staff) to take pictures of the Edison students using the games. A similar request was made for Madison students using the Keep Books materials. Receipts are also needed; Alina will check with Brad because she thinks she may have already given hers to him.

### 3. Future Fundraising Ideas?

Alina recently attended a silent auction event for a smaller private school in Chicago. She distributed an example of sample information from such an event. This type of event definitely has an appeal, and we are currently collecting any and all ideas for future fundraisers. It is likely that we will be holding a raffle as part of the walk-a-thon to keep this type of activity accessible to the entire school community.

Gil has a contact who sells Osborn Books, an educational series of books geared toward specific reading levels and topics. They are also available in foreign languages. In his opinion, they are of good quality and are relatively inexpensive. One idea might be to have a booth set up during Information Days, particularly in the area where families pick up their school supply kits. However, this might be too challenging because of space constraints as well as the fact that families are already paying their school fees at that time. Alternatively, a display could be set up and included at the end of the walk-a-thon. Other local schools host vendor fairs, so even if something like this doesn't occur this year, it might be a possibility in the future.

### **Open Forum**

Debbie talked to Lura O'Phelan (LMC) at Madison who thought that sales of the David Shannon book may have yielded us approximately another \$400!

The June meeting will be changed to June 21<sup>st</sup> (rather than June 14<sup>th</sup>) since both Angelica and Terri will be out of town.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.