

FUND69 Meeting Minutes July 17, 2006

In attendance: Annie Uchtman, Laura Williams, David Donegan, Terri Lefler, Angelica Studer, Gil Poppenhagen, Debbie Rizki, Therese Block, Mylinda LaPaglia, Lori Miller, Hope Minsky, Mona Helgeson, Maggie Meixner

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

An official welcome was extended to Gil Poppenhagen, new Community Board member representative. Annie presented Hope with a plaque as a token of the Board's appreciation for her help in getting the foundation started and for her role as our first Community member. Thank you, Hope!

Minutes

The minutes from the general meeting on 6/21/06 were distributed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from this meeting without any corrections. It was carried unanimously.

Correspondence

None

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

1. Barnes & Noble

The next scheduled event will be held at the Old Orchard Barnes & Noble on Saturday, December 9th. It will be a book fair similar to the one held this past April.

Annie has finally received the check from the April event. FUND69 earned \$708.01 from sales at the store that day. Together with the proceeds from the David Shannon event at Madison, we earned a total of \$1183.01!

2. Walk-a-thon Committee Updates

- A. *Village* – The application has been completed and turned in.
- B. *Forms* – First drafts of the registration forms have been completed. They are simpler than the ones used last year with greater space for sponsor information. Also, each family will need to complete only one form. We will also have three slightly different versions of the form – Advance registration, Day-of registration, and District 69 Staff registration.
- C. *Raffle* – The committee has already started securing donations/goods to use in the raffle. We will probably acknowledge the donors via advertising of the event, school newsletters, and the district's "Newline 69."
- D. *Food* – Donations are nearly all secured.
- E. *T-shirts and posters* – The flyer for the walk-a-thon has been completed and will be probably be used to advertise the event in downtown Skokie. We plan on having a flyer for the t-shirt contest, as well as a general flyer, at Information Days. In order to have a business's logo on the back of the t-shirt, we will likely require a minimum donation

(either monetary or in goods – probably around \$100 or more). Annie pointed out, however, that logos are time-consuming to put on the shirts, so it may be easiest to simply have company names only.

- F. *Publicity* – The recent announcement in the Pioneer Press about the walk-a-thon date was courtesy of Dr. Nelson who had contacted the paper about something else. We will want coverage of the event in the Pioneer Press, which Eileen Rapoport will handle. This committee may need other volunteers. Debbie Rizki suggested creating and using general walk-a-thon banners at each school (perhaps this could be donated by a local business?). Colored shoes could be hung on the banner as families pre-register. Gil offered to call the Village to see if the event may be publicized on the village marquees. David will call the Park District to inquire about options for advertising with them. Hope will contact Niles West to have the event put on their marquee, and we will want to list the date on the board outside Lincoln Junior High. We will also want to make an announcement about the walk-a-thon at the Curriculum Nights at the start of the school year (Edison – 9/6, Lincoln – 9/14; Madison’s will be 9/21, after the event).
- G. *Fundraising* – Previously, both Carla Sands and David Rees’ names had been mentioned for this committee. Angelica has talked to Carla who is willing to help secure corporate donors. David cannot help right now as he is finishing up the final financial statements for the Referendum Committee.

New Business

3. Website

Maggie has given the updated website to Keith Shaffer. A few corrections need to be made. Both Annie and Laura will get a link to review. Terri will begin e-mailing meeting minutes to Keith for him to include on the website.

4. Information Days Coverage

We will be able to have a table at Information Days, and will be primarily advertising the upcoming walk-a-thon. Volunteers are needed to staff this table on each of the three days.

- Tuesday, 8/1, 9am–12pm: Laura & Annie
- Wednesday, 8/2, 4-8pm: Gil, Annie
- Thursday, 8/3, 4-8pm: David (4-6pm), Angelica (6-8pm), Annie

Both Terri and Renee Miller will be out of town that week.

Open Forum

My linda announced that, prior to the recent PTA Budget meeting, she had received requests from each of the three schools for scholarship money for after-school activities. The PTA cannot provide scholarships but will be able to provide some money for supplies.

FUND69 has not yet been approached for any money, but, likewise, cannot provide “scholarships” or give money directly to the students. However, if a school and/or teacher submitted a grant for this, we would consider it. According to our by-laws, any staff member may apply for a grant. David suggested tabling this discussion until a proposal such as this is in-hand and our by-laws may be reviewed carefully.

Gil announced that State Senator, Ira Silverstein, will be holding a town meeting on July 27th. This meeting is being sponsored, in part, by Neighbors for Strong Schools to discuss the issue of funding for education.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, 8/9 at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.