

FUND69 General Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2008; 7:05 p.m.

Present: Annie Uchtman, Chris Miller, Elizabeth Seibel, Renée Miller, Terese Block, Mylinda LaPaglia, Laura Williams, Eden O'Donnell, Keith Shaffer, Terri Lefler, Debbie Rizki, Gena Zelenka.

The meeting was called to order by President Uchtman at 7:05 p.m. The minutes were approved as corrected, (Annie Uchtman moved with a second....) on a motion by Annie and a second by Eden O'Donnell.

Budget: Eden suggested a new way to present the budget by showing a month-to-month statement without all the line items specifically identified. She will keep a yearly accounting of each fund raiser so that we can do a comparison as to how much we earn and whether things are profitable.

She also raised the fact that we seem to be paying a much higher rate for the group's liability insurance compared to District 73 1/2's fund raising group. She has offered to look into other policies and see if we can get the same coverage for less money. We will however, pay this month's premium of \$526.00 so that we are covered for the Walk-a-thon. Also a check will be written to Laura Williams for \$154.84, to pay for paper to Xerox the walk flyers/registration forms.

Eden also asked about donations with corporate matching letters to donors. Annie pointed out that we have discussed this in the past and that we also need to write a letter that can be sent out for donations showing that they are tax deductible.

Another point that Eden brought up was how the Federal taxes were completed and filed in the past. It was explained that Angelica had completed the forms and filed all the paper work herself. Eden suggested that we look for an accountant who might do them for a reasonable amount or possibly free, so that we are sure things are done correctly in the future.

Grant Update: All grants have been completed except for Geri Wattenbarger and Angie Abramite. They will be completed and bills turned in by September 15th. Erin Pollyea completed her order on September 10th. All spring grants will be closed out by the end of September.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence this month.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports for September.

Gena Zelenka introduced herself to the Board. She is a librarian at the Park Ridge Library. Her husband is a member of the Skokie Public Library Board, works at North Park Collage, and thus has many connections with the arts and community in Skokie. While the Zelenka's are not parents in District 69, they are the proud rescuers of two German Sheppard's who take up a great deal of their time.

The Board proceeded to introduce themselves and then vote on the motion to ask Gena to become our community member at large. A motion was made by Renée with a second by Laura. The vote was unanimous.

Village Inn Back to School Night: The Board has been asked to wear their red FUND69 shirts that evening so that anyone who has a question will know whom to ask. Chip Uchtman has designed FUND69 name badges for the Board, which will be made by Annie.

When someone is making a purchase, they are being asked to state that they are from the FUND69 group so that we get credit for the purchase.

Walk-a-thon: The walk registration forms have been printed with the teacher/staff forms being a different color from the student/family forms. This will make it easier to tell them apart when doing money totals. In the past, Angelica has taken care of the forms and the money. Eden has agreed to take over this responsibility. The walk is on Saturday, October 4th with October 1st being the deadline for pre-registration. Registration forms should all be sent to the District Office for pick-up. The drawings for shirt designs are due in the schools by September 15th. It was also decided that next year's form should include the statement: ALL DESIGNS BECOME PROPERTY OF FUND69.

Food: Dominique Shemroske has taken care of getting all the food donations that we will need, but she will need some assistance picking everything up on the day of the walk.

Raffle: Mylinda has heard from all the principals except Mr. Hailpern about donations and she is waiting to hear from the teacher reps about grade level team donations. It was decided that we need only about 20 to 25 items so that the raffle is not too lengthy.

Craft Table: Sue Witt and Renée Miller will take care of the craft table where the children and any adult who would like to may purchase a sweatshirt for \$5.00 or a T-shirt for \$4.00 and decorate them with Puff Paints. Chris is responsible for purchasing the paints at Michael's and a flyer will go out by September 26th to let people know about the opportunity to do the craft and to bring some extra money. In addition to the Puff Painting, Terri Lefler will do face painting for the children at a nominal cost.

Debbie Rizki will contact Mr. Lenny at Madison so that there are some drop clothes available to minimize any mess from the paints. Laura has agreed to contact the Pioneer Press to get some publicity the day of the walk. In addition, Annie will speak with Dr. Neil Codell from District 219 and ask that he promote the walk at all the sporting events to returning alum for the 50th anniversary celebration of Niles West.

Laura will handle the crossing guard details and will ask Dr. Rosen and Cathy Iverson to help. We still need someone at Cleveland and Lorain, Oakton and Lincoln and at the crossing by Haben Funeral Home.

The musical entertainment will be provided by Noah Schroer's combo and also by the Miller Brothers, so there will be music to suite everyone's taste.

New Business:

Website: Chris is taking care of the design and going live in the new format as soon as possible.

Newsletter: The next newsletter will include results from the Walk, Village Inn, Grants given last spring, and upcoming events such as dinner at Monestero's, a Graziano's family night, the Barnes and Noble event, and a tentative date for Pot Belly's in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion from Annie Uchtman.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Miller

Recording Secretary