

FUND69 Board Minutes

October 15, 2008; 7:15 p.m.

Present: Annie Uchtman, Chris Miller, Keith Shaffer, Gena Zelenka, Debbi Rizki, Renée Miller, Elizabeth Seibel, Eden O'Donnell, Mylinda LaPaglia, Barb Poddig-Miller

The meeting was called to order by President Uchtman at 7:15 p.m. The minutes were read and approved with corrections on a motion by Chris Miller and seconded by Laura Williams.

Eden O'Donnell presented the Income Statement in a new format showing Revenue, Expenses and an ending balance as well as specifics about grants and other expenses clearly stated. Ending balance as of October 10, 2008: \$18,402.60.

Eden indicated that we had earned \$4000 from the fall Walk-a-thon. This included monies from:

Raffle:	\$500
Face Painting:	\$30.00
Sweatshirts:	\$116.00

There was one check that was returned for insufficient funds and Eden is going to try and get the fee waived since we are a non-profit organization. If the bank will not waive the fee, the person who issued the check will be asked to pay the penalty. In the future only cash will be accepted from this individual.

Children's sweatshirts left from the craft table, will be purchased by Renée Tolnai for \$5.00 each. Other miscellaneous expenses from the walk were approved as well as the income statement. Motion to accept was made by Annie, second by Laura. Motion passed on a voice vote.

A discussion was held concerning the need for an accountant to check over our books for tax purposes. Mylinda offered to do a list serve message to the parents in the district to see if there is anyone who would be available and willing to do the necessary work gratis or for a small fee. Eden will also check into who does the books for the District 73 ½ foundation and see if they might be willing to help us in the future.

Final Grants: The last two grants from the spring grant session will be written at the meeting to reimburse district for purchases made by teachers through the district for grant materials. To date, most of the grants have come in under original amounts requested.

Correspondence: Bank statement received; the liability insurance has been paid in full for this year.

Committee Reports: Sponsorship and Donations Committee: AT&T has indicated that they would be willing to step up and sponsor either a future walk-a-thon or the upcoming fund raising dinner.

Gartner Heating/AC indicated that they are willing to make future donations to FUND69, but the fall is the best time to ask since that is when their business is busiest. The owners have two young children who will be starting in the district and have already had two children graduate from Niles West.

Ink Cartridge Recycling: We are in need of someone to run the program and coordinate the three building's donations and keep the program running smoothly. Annie will send out a list serve message looking for a volunteer to run this program.

Village Inn Family Night: The evening was so successful for both the Inn and FUND69 that Village Inn is willing to do another evening in the spring. We are considering having this replace our planned Potbelly's evening, since we are having trouble getting that event scheduled.

Walk-a-Thon: There has been good feedback about the walk-a-thon. The raffle was done well organized; the new approach worked well once participants figured out the process. The process was more efficient, but we might want to find a middle ground on teacher donations and other prizes.

Food was great.

Noah's band started a little later than we would have liked due to some technical problems with electricity. While his band was great, the consensus was that the Miller Brothers are a better fit for the type of music that we need.

We also need to find ways to get more people to participate in the walk. Ideas were discussed:

- Get teachers to promote the event more
- Possible have grade level competition, the grade with the most walkers will receive some kind of prize
- Change the costs to allow more participants, possibly a “no t-shirt” option

The registration forms needs revision to make it clearer. Chris and Eden will work on this together. It was noted that all adults must sign a waiver in order to walk, even if they are walking as a family.

The crafts went well.

We need to have more XXXL t-shirts for adults.

The route was fine, but there was a problem with signage at Oakton/Lincoln that created some confusion. The challenge is locating the sign in a visible spot without grass to put it in.

Most of the thank you notes have been written and the rest will be done and sent out ASAP.

Newsletter: The next newsletter will go out on November 1st. Laura and Annie will be responsible for the writing and duplicating. It will include information about the Barnes and Noble fundraiser on December 6th. It will indicate the performances of Noah's Edison Chorus and the Lincoln Drama Club. We are in need of supervisors for package wrapping throughout the day. A flyer should be available for conference days and some posters should go up in the buildings.

Also included in the newsletter will be information on the February 20th FUND69 fundraising dinner at Monestero's Ristorante, 3935 W. Devon, Chicago. This event will be known as the FUND69 February Festival.

It was decided to put off to a later date a discussion on overlapping fundraising efforts by district organizations (PTA, FUND69 and FAB).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Miller