

NAC Meeting

May 13, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

The minutes for January, February and March were approved.

Teacher's Report (Bob Herold): Nell sends her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting, she had a student committment. The construction fences have not taken as much space as anticipated. We will have running water for the next three years in our temporary spot. We got approval for portable basketball hoops for the kids as well. Thank you to all parents involved in the plant and rummage sale. It was not coming together very well and at the last minute several parents stepped uip to make it a success. The medieval fair is coming soon. Put on by the kids in the history class for the involvement of the whole school on May 28th, 8-12. Parents are invited and are also invited to volunteer their help. Staff will be packing up soon the buildings get moved the Monday after school is out.

Treasurers Report (): We are ahead of where we thought we would be with just a few outstanding charges.

Dinner theater (Molly): June 3rd theater has a disco theme, dress for the ocaision. Potluck begins at 7 pm. Invitations will be mailed out soon. Kendra Reed is working with Bob on the talent portion. Sharon Lange is working on the art display, she will need some helpers. Also need volunteers for decorations and food organization. Last year the art display cost about \$300. suggested that the landscaping budget be used since we no longer have landscaping. Kendra was publicly thanked for her donation of the art materials used last year.

Field Trip (France Giddings): We now have a field trip committee. Gloria Nekroshis and Leslie Holle will be coordinators for this year and next. Leslie and Gloria have been coordinating the Portland trip. The Portland trip we will meet at the school at 5:45 am, the bus will take us to the train station where we will catch the train to Portland. We arrive at 11:00 and head to the book store then split into our groups of 5 kids per chaperone. Each chaperone will have the kids' lunch money, zoo tickets and maps. We will take public transportation to Washington Park for the zoo. We then need to be back at the station an hour before our 6 pm train home. Kids need either money or a sack lunch for dinner. June 17th is the last field trip to someplace fun, we are investigating Wild Waves/Fun Forest. We need 16-18 parent volunteers to make this trip happen. For future reference the World Forestry Center would be a possible destination.

Conference Week committee: Nancy): We have a few trips planned for conference week including the YWCA and Search and Rescue Team. The zoo owls will come again this time since the owls were not available last time. Tech City Bowl has agreed to open for us in the morning. There is not a great demand for volunteers this time around but they are looking for a new committee for next year.

Orchids: Thanks to all who stepped up to help at the garage sale. We raised \$2749. Thanks to Leslie to step up at the last minute to organize, and to Loring for the fantastic plant sale. There is still a maple tree looking for a good home among other specimens. There will be

\$1430 still to come from the sale of the arbors and larger trees. That money is set aside for possible future landscaping needs. Another orchid for Loring for stepping up when she arrived at Northstar to build the gardens for our school.

New Business: We are recruiting for next year's officers. If you are interested, please step up. The biggest roles needed are conference week coordinator and volunteer coordinator. The bylaws need another modification before final approval. We are hoping to finalize that by the end of the year. Patrick had a proposal for NAC. He has been running the 3-D modeling club after school. The computers that the school currently has are inadequate for graphics. He would like NAC to purchase some computers and software for the club use. He found refurbished computer systems for \$390 each, and would like to purchase 8 systems for a total cost of \$3759.65. Patrick has been running this club for the last 4 months. NAC will look at our options and discuss the idea over the next months. We would also need to research district protocol for these types of purchases. This may be an opportunity that would fit a grant that may be available out there. There may also be possibilities for corporate donations of hardware and software. Patrick is giving Bob a breakdown of system requirements.

Adjourned at 8:16 pm

Next meeting will be June 10.