

Ravenna Community Education Foundation

Minutes from Monday, September 24, 2007

Meeting was called to order by President Karen Barker at 6:11pm.

Roll Call: Karen Barker, Brandy Thompson-Bueche, Michelle Straley, Jason Helsen, Ken Punter, Mike Pierson, Brenda Jacobs (arrived at 6:35). Absent members were: Dee Swanson, Laura Wagner, and Ken Patterson Sr.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Mike Pierson, support by Ken Punter to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Mike Pierson, support by Jason Helsen to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Guests: No guests were present.

Correspondence: \$25.00 donation received from Class of 1947 in memory of departed classmates. (Delores Albright, Charles Hammond, Ruth Johnson, Robert Ely.

Reports:

Finance: No new bank statement.

Marketing/Membership: handouts were provided for members to view.

Annual Meeting was discussed. Hold on Friday night, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Moss Ridge with a guest speaker, semi-formal, Grill Room for 80 people, pay for dinner, nicely engraved invitations, cocktail hour, dinner, presentation.

Jason Helsen made a motion that we move forward with Patricia Rogers, Brenda second. Motion carried.

Main Event: Raffle Ticket sale was discussed. Place ad in the Ravenna Independent to promote sales.

Flag Football Tournament: Ken Punter will be getting more information on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Annual Meeting: Will be held January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008. All committees will submit reports.

Alumni Contacts: Dee Swanson is still working on the list.

Old Business:

Website: Ken Punter made a presentation.

Additional People interested in joining: Bob Becklin, Bill Kopps

New Business:

Communication between meetings was discussed. It was stressed that email must

be kept up on.

Other: Payroll deductions for Staff into our account. Present at opening breakfast.

Time and Date of Next Meeting: October, 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 6:00pm Computer Lab of Beechnau Elementary.

Adjournment: Motion by Jason Helsen, support by Michelle Straley to adjourn meeting at 8:16pm.

Motion carried.

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Minutes from the October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:08pm by President Karen Barker.

Roll Call: Members present were Karen Barker, Brandy Thompson-Bueche, Ken Patterson Sr., Ken Punter, Dee Swanson, Laura Wagner, Michelle Straley and Mike Pierson. Members not present were: Jason Helsen and Brenda Jacobs.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Ken Patterson Sr. and support by Mike Pierson that the agenda for the October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mike Pierson and support by Michelle Straley that the minutes from the Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Guests: No guests were present.

Correspondence: No correspondence reported.

Reports:

Finance: Karen Barker reported that the check book balance was \$1868.51.  
Karen Barker reported that we need to reimburse the schools in the amount of \$1337.23.  
Karen Barker reported that we sold 325 raffle tickets.  
Karen Barker also reported that our account balance with the Muskegon Foundation is \$7740.44. (We still need to earn \$2300.00)  
Karen Barker lastly reported that there is a 1 time tax deduction being offered to persons age 70 ½ years old who donate monies to non-profit, charitable organizations. A letter was provided for members to read.  
(This letter will be made public knowledge)

A motion was made by Mike Pierson and support by Ken Patterson Sr. that the finance report be approved. Motion carried.

Membership: Mike Pierson presented and provided handouts for members to view in regards to the new membership information that Patricia Rogers had designed. Committee suggested that a Generic Letter be drafted instead of one addressed to alumni only. A discussion was held over printing inserts for our current brochures with the membership information vs. redesigning new brochures which would include the membership information. Members decided to table the decision of what option we wanted until next months meeting.

A motion was made by Laura Wagner and support by Ken Punter to revise the letter to a Generic Letter to send out with our current brochures, insert information about the tax deduction, and include donation envelopes and have available at this time to get more monetary donations to the foundation. Motion carried.

Main Event: Jason Helsen was not present to provide a final 50/50 raffle report. Ken Punter presented more about the Flag Football Tournament to be held in June of 2008 at Citizens Field. Conklin Park area is also being considered. Discussion included: number of fields, concessions, T-shirts, cost per person/team and what materials would need to be purchased (flags, pile ons, markers and officials).

Annual Meeting: Committee reports are due by the Dec. 2007 meeting. The following chairs will provide written summaries of the activities during the last year:

Raffle Report: Jason Helsen, Brandy Thompson-Bueche

Alumni Report: Karen Barker, Dee Swanson

Membership: Mike Pierson

Finance: Brenda Jacobs

Annual Meeting: none

Website: Ken Punter

Grants/Scholarships: Jason Helsen, Karen Barker, Ken  
Annual Meeting for 2009 may be held at Moss Ridge. Mike Pierson presented handouts on cost. Committee decided to reserve the room at a later date due to the cost (\$600.00) and the reservation fee (\$500.00).

Alumni Contacts: nothing new.

Website: Ken Punter will continue to work with the company and make the corrections and additions.

Grants/Scholarships: Hoping to provide in the Spring of 2008.  
Mike Pierson informed committee that the PR committee of RPS is thinking about selling room sponsors for technology and other teacher requested/needed materials (Elmos). Maybe this is something we would like to do. No final decision was made. Need more information.

Old Business:

No bites on anyone new joining RCEF

Karen Barker presented a possible form that could be completed by RPS employees to have deductions made from their payroll checks to RCEF. It was discussed that we wait until next August and be included at the Breakfast.

New Business:

Working as a Board: Karen Barker stressed that it is extremely important that ALL members work together. ALL members must commit to all events. Mark their calendars and be present. (Raffle sale as an example. Some members worked much harder than others.)

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from 6-8pm at Beechnau Elementary School in the Computer Lab.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Laura Wagner support by (many) Dee Swanson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.