

RPA Meeting Minute
9/04/13
8:30-10:00
California Room HNU

Attendees: Zondra Howe, Karen DeGalan, Carla Dartis, Vickie Podell, Karen Cevallos, Marianne

Mitosinka, Becky Stephens, Edee Ben Ari, Jessica Baiocchi, Lisa Crawford, Anne Schreiner, Carol Kusmierski, Bridget Rivezzo, Karen Kelly

Welcome/President Report: Marianne Mitosinka

- * The board, returning and new members were welcomed.
- * There was a great turnout for the back to school BBQ. Thanks to all that attended. The kids seemed to have a good time bonding with each other.
- * Marianne read a note from Marjorie Stamper-Kurn who was not able to attend the meeting.
 - Marjorie will be taking on the board position of VP of Family Resources & Support. She will follow up Dominique re: Goggle Group. She will meet with Luan to brainstorm author talk possibilities. Marjorie also collected a starter list of parent ed topics. Topic gathering will be ongoing with the topics carrying over to next year.

Past Minutes: Edee motioned to pass the minutes from the June 5, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded by Karen DeGalan.

Administration Report: Edee Ben Ari

- * Families are still applying to the school
- * Raskob was voted Best of the Best for Elementary Special Education in Parent Press.
- * For a second year, Raskob was awarded by the National Association of Special Education Teaching.
- * Raskob will be changing to the national common core standards. The main change being instruction in broader based thinking and conceptual development across all subjects.
- * Edee was asked to remind advisory teachers to have the students gather backpacks and other items together before pick up begins.

Back to School Night: Marianne Mitosinka

- * Estrella Shoka is working on completing the Room Parent list. Zondra will check in with her to see how it is going.
- * Spirit Wear will be sold.
- * No further committee sign ups needed.
- * Decision made not to use 8th graders as "greeters". Want to keep it an adults only event.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Schreiner

- * Anne has met with Mio and has spent many hours rectifying the budget.

- * The Soire raised the most money last school year. The money raised was earmarked for technology and sports equipment.
- * 6/30/2013 ending balance \$6,878.86
- * Anne is asking for help in identifying line items that might be kept or deleted for next year. Dutch Bulbs will be eliminated, and the Levi Strauss Grant is no longer available.
- * 31% of families have paid dues.
- * A question was raised re: the availability of teacher mini grants for this school year. The money for the mini grants come from parent donations. It is not certain yet if the money will be available this year.

Book Fair: Carla Dartis, Becky Stephens

- * Carla and Becky will be meeting with Laurel Books today. Much discussion re: best time of year to hold the book fair, most effective “draw” to maximize attendance (student event vs parent ed vs invention convention), what Raskob or HNU space would best house the fair, how many days to hold it, adding an online order component. Carla and Becky will share these questions at their meeting and get feedback from Luan.

Committee Reports:

- * Student Service Project - Zondra will contact Melissa Flores and offer RPA assistance to the student council for any community based projects they have planned.
- * Technology - Bridget reporting that the RPA will possibly hear before the end of the year on status of the grant submitted to HNU Catholic Services. A grant of 25K was submitted to be used for school wide technology.
- * Building and Grounds - Marianne reviewed last years completed projects. A landscaping meeting to be held with HNU to move forward with landscaping plans. Clean up day tentatively scheduled for Oct. That may be delayed to coordinate with larger landscaping plans. Discussion continues re: outside storage ideas for student backpacks.
- * Library and Raskob Cares - no reports yet.

Fundraising: Lisa Crawford

- * Push escript sign up at back to school night.
- * Edee reporting that HNU library and IT department also saving boxtops for Raskob.
- * Dayna Broussard will coordinate Sees Candy
- * Soiree will be held in the Spring. Possibly Lisa Jones will host but looking for other places/ hosts.
- * Mark Vega has experience with Cafe Press and will head that spirit wear effort. Bridget will explore having a new logo created.
- * Jessica shared that Chinook books are now available for fundraising. The board will make decision and get back to Jessica.

* Lisa reporting on an opportunity called Amazon Associates account. It works similar to escripts in that Raskobs gets a percentage of sales made through Amazon. The link is accessible through a link on the Raskob website.

Communications: Bridget Rivezzo

* Goggle Group has started. Dominique is the moderator

* The new RPA website is just about ready. Will start trialing the link by the end of the week. Hopefully up and running fully by BTSN.

* RPA meeting agendas and minutes will be available on the website.

Next RPA meeting, 10/2/1013

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