

RSDMF Board Meeting
October 7, 2009

Members present: Ben Reeve, Claude Herron, Judy Ruekberg, Kaaren McElroy, Lisa Hines, Bob Allen, Sallie Saltzman, and Mr. Almanza
Members absent: none

Meeting called to order at 6:40 by Ben Reeve in the band room.

Minutes of the 9/2/09 meeting were presented and corrections were discussed. Bob Allen made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Kaaren McElroy seconded and the motion was carried.

Old Business/Actions – Done - referenced to letters on the agenda

- a. First aid kits restocked by Judy
- d. Claude has finished the financial info for the website and it has been put on there.
- f. Bob and his crew have refurbished Lil Snowball. Bob donated the paint that was used.
- h. Ben and Norman Himaka will head up the semi committee. Ben was reminded that Don Stewart is very interested in helping and is very well qualified. *Ben will get in touch with him.***
- i. Entertainment books are not going to be sold this year
- j. Too late to talk to Cathy Gac about Miramar Air Show fundraising op. Will consider it for next year
- o. Ben purchased the radios – will consider donating them. He got a good deal on them..
- p. Bev Lindahl agreed to be the historian and Judy Ruekberg will cover the comps that Bev does not go to.
- q. Mr Almanza has already purchased a video camera.
- r. The idea of different shirts for the Board has been tabled.

Old Business/Actions - Still working on

- b. Kaaren reports that Mr. Almanza has not had the opportunity to review the grant proposal for Parker Foundation. Parker takes them quarterly so it is OK. Each time we submit a proposal we will need to use a different measurable outcome. We were going to use the outcome of Mr. Caldwell's involvement with marching band making our comp scores higher. Since the season has already started we might have to use another measurable outcome. Discussed how the use of the radios could be "measurable".

Kaaren informed the Board that much of the grant money in the community is on hold due to our economic situation and that more people are applying for the decreased amount of money that is available.

**Kaaren mentioned a grant with the County Employees Association that funds in the spring – small amts of money. She will follow through on this.*

- c. **Ben has taken most of the pictures for the website but still needs one for Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Reed, Mr. Backlund and Mr. Almanza.*
- e. Claude discussed the web store. It would require an inventory of items which means we would have to pay for them up front and hold an inventory somewhere on campus which does not sound good due to the budget status at this time. On hold for the spring.
- f. Discussion of places to request funding. The Valhalla Foundation seems to be a good avenue for support and money. **Ben to talk to Mr. Joplin.* Stoney's Kids might also be a good source of support.
***Sallie will check with a company she knows that makes “wraps” for semis to see if they can donate some money to us.*
Ben mentioned that he will be doing the semi truck remodel in phases.
- k. ***Sallie will still check with Kathleen Flynn regarding the Qualcomm stadium work to earn money.*
- l. **Ben to contact Sam Lund in a few days in order to set up a meeting for possibly 10/16 for all of those Board members interested in attending.*
- m. Ken Foley still needs to get his fingerprinting and other paperwork done. **Mr. Bell left a message to remind Mr. Foley to get it done. Ben still needs to get information to Ken Isensee.*
- n. **Ben is to contact Mr. Comacho regarding possible semi drivers that he might know.*
- s. Bob has been looking into the jumpsuits and still has an issue with the color. He has found short sleeved ones. Ben had also found one that was \$30 each. The Board discussed it and **Bob will move forward with the ones he feels are best and order variable sizes so that we will have them for the first comp on the 17th.*
- t. Mr. Leon Hayes has been asked to be the wood sales chairperson. He will coordinate the committee. The orders will be processed by someone else (TBD). We already have the vendor for the wood sales and just need to start selling. The orders will come in to Barbie. There will be set delivery times and these will be scheduled with the buyers after their form has been turned in. Rick Gac will be asked to help with the wood sales.
- u. **Ben to clarify the dates for Team Angel – either 12/5 and/or 12/12.* If we do the 5th, Cathy Gac is to supervise and we will use more of the jazz band and strings students. Sallie already has 7 adults and 7 students for the 11/27 date but she is trying to get 10 of each just in case we have call offs.
- v. We missed the opportunity to do the wrapping paper this year but will keep in contact for next year. ** Judy to do this.* Ben recommended that a tickler file be made of those fundraising ideas and names so that we will have them for other years.

Treasurer's Report:

Claude presented the September financial report.

Beginning checking account balance - \$10,362.34

Ending checking account balance - 5,908.18

Total revenue for the month - \$19,245.31

Total expense for the month - \$20,758.95 which is -\$1,513.64 for Sept.

Several items of note:

1. Seven or eight students did not pay for band camp.
2. Cherrydale fundraiser only brought in \$800 compared to the usual \$2000.
***Mr. Almanza is going to talk to Mrs. Kasten to see if the school can cover the bus transportation to the comps due to this unexpected loss of revenue.**
3. ***Sallie will send email blast to let parents know they can purchase Cherrydale online and we will still get the profit.** There are actually more catalogs to order from and many may like to buy Holiday gifts out of them.
4. Claude received the "OK to do raffles" letter from the Department of Justice
5. ***Claude is going to send out another "donation letter" reminding parents that if they want to save \$50 they need to get their donations in by the end of October.**
6. Found the second golf cart – it is at the Reed's house and is in pretty bad shape. ***Bob will check it out to see if it could be made usable.** We do not want to take it off of the asset list at this time but will do an asset disposal form when necessary.
7. Ben's radios cannot be listed as an asset of the Foundation.

Director's Report:

Mr Almanza reported that the band was not invited back to Arcadia due to our low scores last year. The band will be going to the Ramona Field Show instead which will be held the same day. He would like to find another parade competition – Mira Mesa and Mt. Carmel will be the only parade comps.

A friend of Mr. Anthony's contacted Mr. Almanza regarding designing the interior of the semi. He is apparently very talented at doing this type of work. He will be able to design it around what instruments we have.

The transfer of paperwork form ROP to the District is underway.

Our field show is behind by about 3 weeks due to our school start time, etc.

Mr. A will be out for surgery starting Tues, 10/13. Mr. Anthony will cover him but we now have to figure out how to reimburse him. Derek Cannon will cover Jazz for free.

We had a successful Middle School night.

Student leaders are doing a great job.

Mr. Almanza purchased a new video camera to film the students and review their performance in class. We have not received the invoice yet.

***Mr. Almanza is to email Lisa the itinerary for RBV so that she can put it onto the web site**

Mr. Almanza reminded Bob that pressure needs to be put onto PMAG in order to get them to support turning around the PE credit decision.

Vice President Report:

Sallie has a few articles for the newsletter but needs more – especially one from Mr. Almanza. Since both Ben and Mr. Almanza had letters in the handbook it was questioned if we needed another one for the newsletter. **Ben said that he will write an article.*

**Bob said he would write something on the refurbishment of Lil Snowball.*

Webperson Report:

Lisa needs a bio from Hugo and Mykail (assistant for color guard).

**Ben to get pictures from practice and the carwash to Lisa for the website.*

Lisa informed us she has received one more alumni email.

PMAG Rep report:

Bob was not able to attend the PMAG meeting but Bev Lindahl went and wrote an in depth report for Bob. Due to pit practice, Bev will be attending for Bob again at the meeting next week. Bev asked Bob if we would want to be the VIP hosts at the District Field Show – we are not sure what this would entail. **Bob to check further with Bev.*

Bob reported on Lil Snowball's overhaul. He said the electrical problem that occurred at the game last week has been fixed. He had to replace a battery cable that had corroded.

Bob said that Snowball needs at least 2 new tires at \$40 each. The board decided to wait until there was a greater positive cash flow. The in/out carpet needs replacing but can wait.

The trailer needs more decking and Bob is working with Claude on it. They will need a sheet of ½ inch plywood to go over a sheet of ¾ inch plywood. Bob will explore the possibility of welding some additional support bars underneath the plywood to support Snowball's weight, which will allow us to remove the 2x8s(?) on top of the wood deck and create a completely flat deck making it easier to load and unload the Pit equipment.

Member at Large:

Kaaren discussed that we need 3 committees and will ask for volunteers at the parent meeting to fill these.

She discussed the See's Candy fundraiser. She will be talking to all of the students on 10/16 and the parents at the meeting on 10/12 about this fundraiser. She will be distributing the forms on 10/16 so that they can be turned in by 11/16 – before Thanksgiving.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Ruekberg, Secretary RSDMF

