

Literacy Volunteers / SC, Inc.
Board Minutes
July 7, 2010

I Meeting was brought to order by Mary May at 6:30PM
Members Present: Executive Director Connie Keller, President Mary May Schmidt, Vice President Leo Glass, Treasurer Kenneth Wilson, June Barrett, Gary Couch, Patricia Flynn, Helen Rados, Cathleen Schirick, Debbie Speer, Barbara Sush

II. Acceptance of Minutes from June 2, 2010 - Motion by Leo, seconded by Helen

III. & IV a. Director's Report & Presidents Report - both gave a needed debriefing of the Student Recognition Dinner.

b. Treasurer's Report given by Ken. (See attached) Only one correction needed on p. 2, Lee Wayne was paid. Pat made the motion to accept, and Helen seconded.

Connie mentioned that there had been thefts at the Center and one volunteered was reimbursed.

c. Book Store Manager's Report. (See attached) Motion to accept by Pat, seconded by Leo.

d. Foundations/Philanthropic Report. Connie reported that Walmart would be sending a check soon.

e. Student Tutor Recognition Dinner Report. Reported by Mary May and Connie (see discussion after Minutes Accepted)

f. Farmer's Market - sign up sheet. Helen Rados collected \$64 as LV/SC representative at the Liberty Market. It was mentioned that our canopy is needed for rain and too much sun at some venues.

Book and Bake Sale - July 9th. 8AM set up will be done by Cathy Schirick. Debbie, Ken, Pat and office staff will be in attendance. Leo will bake his special brownies. Other Members will donate baked items.

Bank and Tag Sale - Mary May reported that it is all done. Providence Bank and Catskill Hudson wish to continue for the month of July. Jeff Bank will be mailing their check this week.

Fundraising Letter - Mary May said the committee will begin meeting in October and letters will go out in December.

g. Bookstore Publicity Report. Connie has sent information to Catskill Shopper. They are having some difficulty with the map, but will get it out.

h. Personnel Committee Report. None

i. Tutor Trainers' Report/White Eagle. In attendance at White Eagle were Connie, Ginny, Karen, Jen, Chris, Simone. Connie was the only one who was able to stay for entire new training. Members who were there must complete training, which is a "better orientation for both students and trainers, according to Connie. "We have bought into it" but can use our old training materials until the trainers complete the sessions.

j. Board Nominating Committee. Mary May asked for nominations from the floor, and since there were none, she expressed the need for new Board Members. There are 3 to 4 seats available. Mary May suggested we try to find members with some board experience, just to make things easier for them and for our growing organization.

k. Bethel Site Committee. Leo reported that there was a coat of paint on walls and another was needed. The carpet will be ordered this week according to Connie. There is a need for a very large truck. Mary May said she would try to get one. Connie would like to have the Daytop folks help move the furniture, bookshelves and books to the new annex, since they will be here to help with the Renaissance Project. The shelves can be stored in the hallways until the carpet is put down.

l. Renaissance Project/Sign Committee. The sign for the front of the building is not in yet, but will be soon according to Barbara. Connie wanted to get some flowers in this Saturday while Daytop was helping out, but Barbara and other members felt that there were not too many out and the hot weather had wilted so many of the plants in the garden centers. Barbara said, "the sign should go in, then the flowers". Barbara agreed to do an hour walk about on Saturday, with Connie, to see where more flowers could be planted.

m. Student/Tutor Recruitment Committee/Speakers Bureau. Gary Couch and the Committee met briefly before the Board meeting. He mentioned that word must get out that there is a new Tutor Training to take place in September. Bethel will be ready soon for students and tutors. He suggests Press Releases to go out to Time Warner's Community Bulletin Board (channel 23) and to YNN's Board (channel 6) as well. Would like to approach WJFF and ask to have a tutor and student as guests to talk about Literacy Volunteers. Connie said this had been done in the past and the station was very open to this sort of thing. Thunder 102, with Mr. Sakell, would also probably be open to this idea, especially since he himself is a tutor in the LV/SC family.

June has fliers that are asking for volunteers at the new Bethel site, and will distribute them to the various post offices, businesses in the hamlets of Bethel. She has gotten at least 7 volunteers at this point. Gary and Cathy are asking for any of the fliers to be used, to be printed in Spanish and in English.

Cathy, Chair of the Speakers Bureau, reported that Connie has spoken to the Livingston Manor group. Barbara will be speaking to the Seniors in Forestburgh. There is a need for speakers for Roscoe, for White Sulphur Springs, and for Mamakating on the 14th of July. (See attached Speakers list). Pat said she would be available after the summer to help out. Pat also said we should have some pencils or book marks made up to be given out if we speak in the schools. Connie felt that the past showed speaking at Open School Nights got little result, however maybe the Headstart Program would be more interested. Also, there is the Evergreen Housing, the Rotary and Kiwanis to be approached. June and Pat added the Lions clubs. Connie said every ESL teacher should have information about tutoring, and a Spanish speaker could present after the Spanish masses.

V. Old Business

- a. Wal-mart - See Connie's report under "Foundations".

VI. New Business

a. Bethel Site - Connie reported that a paid person from Pathstone might be able to run the Bethel site. We now have at least 5 paid Pathstone workers. Dorothy might be perfect to train the volunteers and June as well, for the new Bethel annex.

Connie mentioned again that Daytop would deliver the shelving, bookcases, furniture for the Bethel site. She mentioned that it would be good if we could get the Daytop people again on the 17th and/or 24th.

At this point, Mary May asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Helen and seconded by Gary.