

MEETING MINUTES
02/23/2012

Welcome and Introductions

Presentation of Reality Store by Jackie Woolard, Indiana Women's Education Foundation, INC. She went over background of Reality Store, goals, how it works, what their involvement will be and what is expected of us. Kelly Finch will head the committee for this for next year. Mary Ann talked with Kim Klein (County Nurse) and she will help with setting this up and procuring the needed volunteers. She has a volunteer list for the county already! We are waiting on a date from the school. Mary Ann will talk to Connie Rosenberger and work on getting that date fixed as soon as possible.

Mary Ann presented information from Kim Klein about the county emergency volunteer program. If anyone interested in volunteering they can contact Kim Klein.

Amy Westover sent word that she has applied for the REMC grant and their next meeting is the 1st Monday in April. We should know something after that.

Mary Ann announced NSK corporate sponsorship has been approved starting their next fiscal year in April. They will give us \$500.00 dollars for next year. They are very excited about the Reality Store project and would like to be involved in that! Possibly work with us in other areas also.

Kelly gave update on teachers lounge decorating! Need donations of chocolate bark for Easter theme. You can give this to Mary Ann or Kelly.

Mary Ann gave update on Valentine's Lunch for students. Very well received by everyone. Was the idea of the kitchen staff and they really enjoyed doing the special lunch. Table decorations provided by the parent group and homemade desserts provided by the teachers. Huge success!! Next lunch: cookout theme, being planned for end of school.

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Freshman Orientation: Date not yet set. We will need to look at Freshman Packet at the April meeting and make any necessary revision. Mary Ann has started Local Scholarship List and will have that completed by next meeting.

Elayne Bleill has been volunteering at the high school since early Feb. She is greatly appreciated there. They have kept her very busy and she loves it. Need more volunteers.

Web Site is up on UCHS page!

Senior Exit Recommendations: Senior exit surveys given out to: Parent Surveys – Rene’ Felton and Gina Felton, Student Surveys – Melanie McDaniel and Mary Ann Paxton, Teacher Surveys – Chris and Amy Westover. These members are to go over surveys and email Mary Ann with main thoughts or themes sometime in the next 2 weeks. She will put everything together and get it out to everyone for recommendation ideas. We need to have recommendations to the teachers committee by the end of March.

Recommendations We Want To Make Now:

- More parent communication: Starting with outline every year of what student is expected to complete for that year.
- More advisory time during school hours. 25 minutes on Friday is not enough. Work done during school hours, not at home.
- Community Service Hours should be consistent for all students – set guidelines. Possibly have committee that reviews all community service and approves it.
- More teachers training. New teachers work with an advisor mentor their first year.
- Assurance of completed goals for each student each year. Accountability for teachers and students.

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College Prospects Mentoring Program: Gina will be getting volunteers together for first meeting. Mary Ann met with Vicky Snyder, Mr. Gutzwiller, and Mrs. Elleman at the middle school. This will be the place to start identifying prospective college students. We will work closely with middle school in developing that early relationship, especially with those students who are first generation college prospects or need adult mentors to help. The middle school is very excited about this program and very willing to help!

Meeting Attendance: Special Guest: Jackie Woolard, Mary Ann Paxton, Kelly Finch, Krista Carr, Rene' Felton, Gary Finch, Melanie Caldwell, and Melissa Davis and daughter.

Next Meeting: April/26/2012 6:30pm Pizza King