

**WAMLE BOARD MEETING notes**

**January 16, 2010**

**From 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

Rainier Middle School

Auburn, WA

- 1. Welcome: Attending Brian, Ben, Dotty, Rick, Cathy, Stephanie, Debbie.**
- 2. Old Business:**
  - a. Approved minutes from December 12, 2009 board meeting
- 3. New Business:**
  - a. Treasurer's Report  
Balance of \$2,355.24
  - b. Vacant Board Position – Accepted the resignation of Michelle LaLanne, Board member at large.
    1. Need to identify and select new Board members; Eastern WA and Yakima areas;
    2. Develop application for the position;
    3. WA teacher and years in middle level;
    4. Review and chose.
  - c. Constitution and by-laws
    1. Work on Article VI – Amendments (note: Articles IV and V will be reviewed after the conference)
      - i. Consensus to accept as presented.
  - d. Updates for Annual Conference, April 23-24, 2010: ALTERNATIVE ENERGY: POWERING MIDDLE LEVEL LEARNING
    1. Tour of Rainier Middle School completed.
    2. Status of keynote speakers (Rick Wormeli, Jack Berckemeyer, Christian Moore) – fees, expenses, etc.
      - i. We are on Christian Moore's schedule.
      - ii. Rick is confirmed
      - iii. Jack is coming. We should expect to pay expenses.
    3. Ben confirmed of invited guests (President Richard Rutkowski, Superintendent Kip Herren, Representative Patrick Sullivan, St. Joseph School students, Rainier Middle School students)
    4. Registration updates
      - i. Dotty will research and fix the Pay Pal connection.
      - ii. Need for more publicity of the presenters and use postcards.
    5. Authors room update
      - i. Cathy and Steph's project.
      - ii. 2 authors from Bellingham.
      - iii. Keith has 4 possibles.
      - iv. King Co. Library presenter.
      - v. How will the author room look; what format will we use? A panel might be the easiest.
      - vi. Keith will contact authors for panel setup.
    6. Review of concurrent session proposals
      - i. Approved Milner and Backlund.
      - ii. Deb will follow up on Hennenberg.
      - iii. Deb has 5 presenters she is arranging; middle level ed. students.
      - iv. Session length will be 65 minutes and conference end at 4:05 p.m.
    7. Publicity updates
      - i. CWU TV spot.
      - ii. Keith will follow up on the program to be funded by corp. sponsor.
      - iii. Extend the proposal deadline.
    8. Housing updates

- i. Dotty will follow up on the Marriot costs for a block.
- 9. Entertainment updates done by Ben and Rick.
- 10. Vendor updates
  - i. None yet.
  - ii. Ben and Steph will follow up on bookstores they know.
  - iii. Adjust the rate for one day.
- 11. Sponsor updates
  - i. Keith Amgen.
  - ii. Deb - Puget Sound Energy; Kittitas.
  - iii. Conference logo by Cathy.
  - iv. Deb will send out sponsor letter format.
- 12. Door prizes
  - i. Everyone get whatever they can to contribute.
  - ii. Keith has a bunch
- 13. Other
- 14. Other follow up that were discussed:
  - a. Tables sizes and table cloths – need to find out-Keith has the tablecloths.
  - b. Registration form corrections done by Dotty.
  - c. One day rate to attend Wormelli session discussed and approved.
  - d. Discussed a fall conference for middle level parents.
  - e. Parking and shuttle ok.
  - f. GRCC will invite staff to present, help at registration table.
  - g. Outside vendors \$250 for 1or 2 days.
  - h. GRCC corkage fee but alcohol is ok; Ben will clarify and inform Rick,
  - i. Get registration forms to GRCC.
  - j. Dotty will resolve Pay Pal connections to WAMLE registration.

Next meetings:

February 27 at RMS. 9:30-1:30 Task: complete the program.

March 20

April 17

April 23 Conference