

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation
Meeting Minutes
1/9/02

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at Washington School by Dick Wedin.

Present were: Connie Dunnington, Bob Titus, Richard Wachsmith, Doug Murphy, Virginia Korté, Jerry Harris, Gretta Merwin, Paul Jewel, Dick Wedin, Mike McCloskey

Absent were: Erin Anderson, Kathleen Beach, Rebecca Bowers

Legal Status:

Dick shared that Erin has filed the appropriate paperwork with the State. He will check on the 501(c)(3) status.

Golf Ball Drop:

Dick shared that he had been in contact with Alan Walker who had spoken to Billie Thornton about doing the golf ball drop. Alan has offered to take the lead in the drop and the group gave him their blessing. Mike and Gretta offered to help as needed.

Publicity:

Dick shared that he had spoken with the Morning Kiwanis about the Foundation.

Suggestions for Board Members:

David Bowen was suggested as an additional board member. Dick will contact him.

12k for K-12:

Paul agreed to head this up with the help of Doug and Mike.

- Event to be held in September.
- The walk/run will start and stop at schools
- T-shirts and prizes may be given to participants
- Pledges could be taken
- It was agreed that this could be a great spectator event as well.
- The group will meet on January 31 at 7:00 a.m. at the Palace to develop a preliminary plan.

Grants:

Connie reported that she has been in contact with Julie Guggino and Ray Riznik from CWU. They are willing to do a grant writing workshop for our group. They ask that we open the seminar to other interested community groups as well. They will be asked to present on February 21st.

Bob will send Connie and Erin grant ideas from Port Angeles.

Allocations Committee:

Bob will get the Port Angeles information to Virginia and Jerry. They will have draft forms by the March meeting.

Money:

We need to be thinking of ways to increase our operating funds.

Public Outreach:

- Discussed Pat Muir Daily Record article. He wants to do more.
- Gretta will have Chuck put the foundation on the school district website.
- Dick will remind Erin to send brochures to the lawyers, accountants, etc. in town. It was agreed that we also need to send an accompanying letter and do follow-ups for each letter.
- We need to develop a logo, letterhead, etc. Dick will call Barb Goll-DeWitt, the EHS graphics arts teacher, to have her students do the design work.

Misc.

- Doug suggested an annual donor appreciation event. Some ideas included honoring the grantors and grantees, public invitation to see grant items in action, dinner theatre, or a less expensive lunch. This could be done at our annual business meeting in April. It was agreed to begin this in April, 2003.
- Dick discussed selling bricks and time capsule items for the new high school. Gretta will get a legal opinion.

Next Meeting:

- It was agreed that meetings would be the second Thursday of each month from 4:30-6 p.m.
- Our next meeting will be February 21. (**NOTE** the change in date from the usual 2nd Thursday due to Valentines Day.)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. McCloskey
Secretary