

President Terri Heid called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Those present were Terri Heid, Judy Fritzen, Carol John, Tom Nielsen, Beth Nielsen, Gabe Myers, Kathy Moore, Kate Rodriguez, Peggy Feldman, Marcia Reabe, Margie Traeger, Diana Roberts, Janie Zalesiak, and Kristy Lykkebak.

The November minutes had one change. Fifteen dollars was given to part-time teachers instead of \$5. The minutes were approved with this change.

Requests. Gabe Myers and Beth Nielsen, representing the NCHS Pep Band, requested \$382.50 to purchase t-shirts for the students in the band. There are currently 35 pep band members, but several extra shirts will also be purchased. The cost per shirt is \$8.50 from Harlan Vance. A motion was brought forth and passed to grant the full \$382.50. Sean Kerr and Shane Springer, representing NCHS Iron Light and Sound, requested \$799.95 to purchase a product package to increase the quality of technology and digital media at NCHS. The quoted cost is for a complete package. Individually priced components are more expensive. The entire school would benefit from the purchase of this product package. A motion was brought forth and passed to grant them \$800. Carrie Leonard and Molly Stolfa, representing the NCHS Student Support Program, requested approximately \$1,000 to help behavior disorder students at NCHS by subsidizing their community trips, rewards for school work and good behavior, reinforcement for good classroom behavior, food items such as breakfast food for those that need it, project supplies, hygiene supplies, and community social skills training. Carrie and Molly have applied for grants from State Farm and Illinois Power, plus they are asking for funding from parents. A motion was brought forth and passed to grant them \$500 plus 20 \$5 gift certificates to the school store, in addition to the opportunity to work in the school café and retain the profits.

Treasurer's Report. As of today, January 17, 2006, there is approximately \$17,000 in the IronPride account. However, there is approximately \$8,500 in requests that has not been paid yet. A motion was brought forth and passed to approve the budget.

Dr. Nuckolls thanked IronPride for their support at 8th grade orientation. The orientation went well.

Committee Reports

Spirit Store. Colleen Liesman and two other women will take over running of the store from Karen Oshinski. Karen will help them with the transition. The faculty sale was a big success, bringing in approximately \$946. The holiday sales also were successful, with sales totaling approximately \$1,500.

Café. Margie Traeger reported that the electrical work is done and the bill is paid. The final bill was actually lower than expected. The café has been painted orange and black and it looks great. The window mechanism is to be installed Friday morning. The café is staffed through the third week in February with different groups that want to earn 00 money for their organization.

Special Events. Marcia Reabe reported that cookies, punch, and coffee were provided for 8th grade orientation. Approximately 700 cookies were provided and only about 20 were left. Teacher Appreciation is coming up in May, and PSAE testing is April 26 & 27. Food Service Appreciation Week is in February. February 24 is an Institute Day, and a

day when the staff is in the building without the students works well for bringing in food. Marcia is going to look into the possibility of providing food for the staff on that day.

Greeter. Sue Hedrick reported that there were a few times that assigned people did not make their shifts. A lot more dads are helping out.

Water. Margie Traeger reported that the bottled water is running low and she needs to order more. Margie is considering driving to Paxton to pick up the water herself to avoid the \$65/palette delivery fee.

Volunteers. Judy Fritzen reported the Sweetheart Dance is February 11 and she will need volunteers. Kathy Moore reported that library volunteers are lined up through the end of the year.

Webmaster. Tom Nielsen reported that the website is up to date. He is going to add information about the “No-Hassle Fund Raiser” to the site.

Publicity. Darla Sandel had a publicity committee put together to assemble a spring sports program. Athletic Director Andy Turner would rather assemble the program himself. Perhaps the committee could investigate advertising guidelines to raise money. Care has to be taken not to conflict with the contract in place with Royal Publishing.

New Business

Last year, the scholarship/service award committee gave 8 \$250 awards. There has been \$4,000 set aside for this purpose in this year’s budget. Forms need to be in the office by March so the students can fill them out and have them turned in for review by April to be awarded on May 10 at Senior Awards Night. Kate Rodriguez, Carol John, Tom Nielsen, and Felicia Harrison will head the committee to review the criteria for these awards to present to the whole IronPride board.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2006, which is a change from the originally scheduled date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Schroeder