

Kate Rodriguez, filling in for Terri Heid, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Those present were Peggy Feldman, Kate Rodriguez, Becky Cobert, Felicia Harrison, Sue Hedrick, Judy Fritzen, Carol John, Diana Roberts, Colleen Liesman, Pat Powers, Janie Zalesiak, and Kristy Lykkebak.

The January minutes were approved.

NCHS student Jim Van Deberg, representing the Inkspot, reported that the Inkspot staff is going to survey approximately 400 randomly chosen students on drug and alcohol use. The exact same survey was done in 1982. The results from both surveys will be compared in an Inkspot feature story in either March or April.

Requests. Tom Patten, NCHS boys cross country and track coach, requested funds to help buy new uniforms for the boys. They have raised over \$2,000 so far, and the money from IronPride would help purchase sweatshirts, sweat pants, and extra uniforms. The money they have raised to date will fund 70 new jerseys, shorts, and printing. A motion was brought forth and passed to grant the boys track team \$1,000 toward new uniforms. Mrs. Baldwin, NCHS Spanish teacher, requested \$165 to purchase a set of paperback Spanish/English dictionaries for her classroom. A motion was brought forth and passed to grant her the full \$165.

Hud Venerable, NCHS football coach, requested \$149.99 for a receiver and \$224 for two speakers for the weight room. Coach reports that almost all NCHS students will benefit from these items. A decision on this request is being postponed until further research is completed to determine whether or not a similar purchase was already funded.

Treasurer's Report. Peggy Feldman reports that \$16,157.96 has already been given in donations by IronPride to fulfill requests. At this point, we are above budget on some items and below budget on others. There will be \$961.63 added to this budget from the closing of the PTO account. Of great concern is a deficit in the budget for Sam's Club payments. IronPride has not been reimbursed by some groups charging their purchases at Sam's on our account. Thus far, Peggy has paid Sam's \$10,926.46 and has only been reimbursed \$3,551.55. A committee will be formed to set up guidelines for future purchases and reimbursement of IronPride at Sam's Club. The committee members are Kate Rodriguez, Terri Heid, Peggy Feldman, and Kristy Lykkebak.

Dr. Nuckolls wrote a letter of appreciation to the Unit 5 School Board recognizing the NCHS IronPride Organization for all the positive things they have done for NCHS. The board meeting will be February 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Pepper Ridge. Dr. Nuckolls would like as many IronPride members as possible to be at the meeting. There will be a parent meeting on March 14, 2006, at 7:00 in the auditorium. The focus of the meeting will be drug awareness. Representatives from Chestnut Health Systems and Heartland Coalition will be on hand at the meeting. Unit 5 Connect is a mass mailing available to all Unit 5 parents to keep them aware of the happenings in the district. Parents will be able to access information on their students on SKYWARD by the end of the month. Information available will be the student's schedule, attendance, quarter grades, and progress report grades. Sharon Willsie has decided to take a leave of absence. She has not yet decided whether or not to come back. The NCHS Speech Team received second

place at Regionals. Dave Nelson has taken a bad turn in his recovery. NCWHS has earmarked Mr. Nelson as recipient of their King of Hearts fundraiser.

Committee Reports

Spirit Store. Colleen Liesman, Pam Wylder and three or four other women are in charge of the spirit store and are hoping to delegate more responsibilities and get more people involved in the operation. The night of the Spaghetti Supper they are going to try to have a sale to get rid of some of the older merchandise.

Water. Margie Traeger had to pay shipping and handling on the last order and did not expect that.

IronPride Café. To date, \$6,600 has been brought in from the café, but the outstanding bills still have to be paid.

Greeter. Sue Hedrick reports that everything is going fine.

Fund-Raising. Checks are still arriving for the "No-Hassle Fund Raiser."

Volunteers. The Sweetheart Dance went well. Four hundred plus students were in attendance. The sophomore class did very well.

New Business. The scholarship committee met and decided to continue with the two scholarships currently offered. Seniors can start applying for these scholarships within the week. Service scholarship applications are due March 24.

The next meeting is March 13, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Schroeder