

Ripon Christian School Circle
Minutes of meeting held
January 8, 2010

- I. President Shelley Nelson opened our meeting by leading the singing of “Make Me a Servant.
- II. Jennifer Greenway led us in devotions reminding us about our theme “Just Like Him”. How does that make us feel? Special, chosen, motivated to be like Him, intimidated. Think of the Sacrificial Love--would we give our life for anyone? Think of how much God loved us to do that. Show God’s love everyday to everyone you meet.
- III. Secretary Janis Sipma reviewed last month’s minutes. Minutes were approved as read.
- IV. Treasurer Lisa Weaver reviewed the bank balances. We paid out some expenses for approved items. Bank balance is \$37,564.52 with an available balance of \$5,651.52.
- V. T.R.I.P report—Doreen Unruh informed us that \$104,000 was sold in December. There will be a Valentine’s drawing on Feb. 5 at the basketball games.
- VI. Fundraiser updates
 - a. **Jog-a-thon**—Beth Anne Brouwer reported the date will be **March 19**. She gave us details of what the committee has been working on. The Kindergarten class will run on Thursday and 1st – 8th grade will be on Friday. The committee is working on incentives to get kids motivated to get pledges and to run. **We will need many volunteers on March 19. Parents are encouraged to come and encourage the children.** We discussed the budget and incentives for this event. A motion was made, seconded and approved to allot \$500 for prizes as incentives.
 - b. Computer—we are still looking for this item.
 - c. Sally Foster—we made \$330 from the online sales.
- VII. Other Business
 - a. **Restaurant nights**—Jaime Vander Weide is working on this. We are hoping to have one each month in February, March and April. Hopefully the first will be in February at Mt. Mikes—watch for dates.
 - b. **Tulip sales**—Lisa Weaver just talked with John Bos and the tulips will be ready in February for us to sell. We will sell them for \$10. **If you are willing to help with sales, please talk to Lisa or Shelley.**
 - c. **Teacher Appreciation week**—May 2 – 8, 2010. Ellie Hoekstra and Jennifer Greenway are organizing this week again. **They need a committee to help them.** Ellie H. shared with us what we did last year and what the beginning of the plans are for this year. Kerry Smith volunteered to help with the luncheon. We discussed ideas for teacher gifts. A motion was made, seconded and approved to allot \$500 for gifts and expenses.
 - d. Gazebo funds—we discussed whether to allot funds now or to allot funds to the proposed new kitchen. Motion was made to table allotment of funds until after the jog-a-thon and revisit this discussion in April. Seconded and approved.
 - e. Spiritual Emphasis Week—Nancy Vancer Veen updated us on some plans for this week. If we have any ideas for service projects, please let her or the offices know. If we know of any soldiers in Iran, Iraq or Afghanistan, please get the addresses to her for care packages. She gave us ideas of what to send for supplies for the care packages.
- VIII. President Shelley thanked Linda Van Vuren for refreshments. She reminded us our **next meeting will be March 5, 2010. No meeting in February due to service projects for Spiritual Emphasis week so we will be available to help with those.** She closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Sipma, Secretary

