

Ripon Christian School Circle  
Minutes of meeting  
March 5, 2010

- I. President Shelley Nelson opened the meeting. We sang “Make Me a Servant”.
- II. Nancy Vander Veen led us in devotions. She reminded us of four things
  - 1) How a “little” sin can stay with us and corrupt. Sin influences will always be here.
  - 2) God loves each of us fiercely but lets us choose how closely we draw near to Him.
  - 3) Does our holiness spread or does our iniquity contaminate?
  - 4) We need to tell others how Jesus found me and I have been with Him ever since.
- III. Judy Van Groningen, RC High School Art teacher, presented each of us with a plant and bookmark as a “Thank you” from the staff for all of our hard work and dedication to Ripon Christian.
- IV. Secretary Janis Sipma reviewed the minutes from our last meeting, January 8, 2010. One correction needed to be made to change Vancer to Vander in Nancy Vander Veen’s name. Motion made, seconded and approved minutes as corrected.
- V. Treasurer Lisa Weaver reviewed our bank balances and income with us. Balance of \$30,553.90. Available balance of approximately \$7027.90 with estimated future expenses and income.
- VI. Doreen Unruh updated us on T.R.I.P. There is a new March contest going on and look for an article in the Communique about new rules for Write-offs by using T.R.I.P
- VII. Current Business/Fundraiser Updates
  - a. **Jog-a-thon—March 19.** Beth Anne Brouwer updated us on the progress of this event. She went to school and explained it to the kids and gave them packets to take home for pledges. She informed us of the prize incentives for the kids as individuals and classes. She had sign-up sheets to pass around for help on that day. If you can help, please call her.
  - b. **2<sup>nd</sup> Computer**—Shelley bought a Netbook yesterday at Best Buy and bought the programs thru ACSI. Bob De Ruiter will get it ready with the programs for us. Purchase price with programs will come in under \$600.
  - c. **McDonald’s night**—we made \$440. Thanks everyone who came out. The District manager was there that night and asked if they could do another one for us in May. They are very supportive of Ripon Christian.
  - d. **Tulips**—next sales will be April 18 and Grandparent’s Day. Sales going well. Lisa has a couple of special orders on April 11 so if anyone else has an order let her know. We have made over \$300 already.
  - e. **Update on Kitchen project**—Carol Perkins reported that she has interviewed 3 contractors and is in the process of interviewing engineers right now. Good news from Fire Dept. was that we don’t have to retro fit the whole building. Progress is being made. President Shelley discussed the rolling over of the Music/Library CDs, we will roll them over for only three months right now so monies will be available to use if we need to pay costs for kitchen expansion. Since the Music/Library project is another 5 years out, we can use the money and then replace it in the future.
- VIII. Other Business
  - a. Mountain Mike’s night is March 10. 5 – 8pm. Dine in/take out only. Please don’t use any other coupons.

- b. Healthy Home information meetings on March 10 in the faculty room in the morning and afternoon. See News of Note for times.
  - c. End of Year teacher gifts—President Shelley discussed our previous policy and the Board’s new policy adopted last year. We have previously bought the retiring and leaving teachers gifts based on how long they have been at RC. The Board’s new policy is a **Longevity gift policy—giving gifts at five year intervals during the teachers time at RC**. We want it in our minutes so will be consistence every year. After discussing with Executive Committee and with Superintendent Lyon, the gifts we think is appropriate for teachers is giving T.R.I.P. in **the amounts of 5 yrs. = \$25, 10 yrs. = \$50 and so on up to 50 yrs. = \$250.** yrsPrincipal/Administration could buy something special for those teacher retiring. This year we have several teachers at different intervals (6 at 5 yrs., 1 at 10 yrs., 1 at 15 yrs., 1 at 20 yrs., 1 at 25 yrs., and 1 at 30)—approximately \$700 will be used for these gifts. Shelley will present them at the Annual School Society meeting.  
We discussed further the gifts for Retiring Administration. We feel that this should be different. **Motion made, seconded and approved for Retiring Administration a gift of \$100 would be purchased. Executive Committee would decided on appropriate gift (combinations of gift certificates or purchase a gift).**
  - d. Requests from High School—Pres. Shelley presented two new requests. The requests are for another SMART board for the Math Dept. (approx. \$3725) and a request for a 10 pack of Babies for the Family/Marriage class (approx. \$7500). We discussed our available money and options. Motion made, seconded and approved to buy a SMARTboard and table the babies until next year when money is available.
  - e. Grandparent’s Day—sign-up sheet for bringing cookies was passed around.
  - f. New Officer’s for next year—we need a Assistant Treasurer and Secretary for next year. Please prayerfully consider filling these positions.
  - g. Polo Shirts—next sales are scheduled for March 19 and May 14.
  - h. Teacher Appreciation Week—(May 3- 7)—Ellie Hoekstra updated us on the progress of plans for this week. Candy bars and notes will be handed out to all teachers. A lunch is planned for May 6 for all the teachers. Please let her know if you are willing to help with this.
- IV. President Shelley thanked Joanne De Raadt for the refreshments and closed in prayer. Our next meeting will be April 16.

Respectfully submitted  
Janis Sipma, Secretary