

**RIPON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CIRCLE
MINUTES OF MEETING**

April 1, 2011

- I. Pres. Shelley N. prayed to open our meeting. Led us in singing "Make Me a Servant", acapella, in absence of pianist Vonda V.V.
- II. Joanne De Raadt's devotional was a call to service, from II Thessalonians 3:7-13. We are saved to serve the Lord and are to get busy doing anything for Him. In our roles as moms, or wherever placed to serve, we follow God first.
- III. Secretary Lori P. reviewed March's S.C. meeting minutes. She read thank you notes S.C. received from Dale DeWeerd and Jerry Terpsma after they were given longevity money gifts from SC at the Society meeting. These gifts recognized Jerry T. for 45 years, and Dale D.W. for 20 years of teaching/administration. Since Dale was present at the meeting, it was expressed that he will be missed as he leaves RC to teach in China. Janis S. motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded and passed.
- IV. Pres. Shelley reviewed the treasurer report, in Vonda V.V.'s absence. Ending balance was of 3/21, (completed by Vonda before vacation). \$42,906.72. Less estimated future expenses: Available balance: \$30,006.72. Jog-a-thon income toward kitchen remodel: \$15,590.30. (Flat rate gifts alone)
- V. T.R.I.P. Report~Doreen U. March Madness contest resulted in 7 classes with 100% participation! Extra award to be given in middle school for "Most Inspirational!" Summer T.R.I.P. hours will be communicated in News of Note/emails. Doreen thanked S.C. for the certificate given her at Society mtng. recognizing 15 years of coordinating T.R.I.P. Gave example at Society meeting of how T.R.I.P. could help with tuition increase.
- VI. Unfinished Business—Fundraiser Updates.
 - a. Jog-a-thon: (rescheduled for today) Pres. Shelley thanked Beth Anne B. and all committee help for their independent work on organizing this fundraiser!
 - b. Kitchen Project Update: Pres. Shelley spoke in Carol Perkins' absence that she's not received engineer finding help yet from Mike Hilvers. Carol has worked hard to communicate on her own. Not God's timing? His purpose is in this delay too.
 - c. Baskin Robbins~Pres. Shelley hasn't emailed B.R. contact yet, but there's still time.
 - d. Polo Shirt Sale~May 13 at S.C. meeting. Spread the word! Will take place before new shirt order deadline.
 - e. Tulips~Sale today at Jog-a-thon! Then season ends?
- VII. Other Business
 - a. Teacher Appreciation Week~Ellie Hoekstra has some help lined up. We discussed new, inexpensive teacher gift options. Decision resulted in giving stroopwafels; teacups with teabag/candle holder for the female teachers. Male teachers will receive stroopwafels, along with personalized (w/ initial?) notecards/pen. (Secretary question? Pens too?)
 - b. Grandparents Day~April 21. 30 dozen cookies needed. Signup sheet circulated. (Completely taken care of~Thank you!!! Extras will be frozen and saved for Fine Arts hospitality table refreshments) Will set up outside table this year to relieve crowd congestion. May need a few more volunteers.
 - c. New officers for 2011-2012???? Bylaws state that officers should be given a term off before serving again. Adjust or have new officers to install???? **PRAY** for God to call the necessary servants! In His Hands! After approval, a letter will be going out to entire school about the desperate need for greater attendance and officers to continue School Circle. \$400,000 is supplemented by 4 groups to meet exact tuition cost. S.C. one of those! Purpose is to layout the current need beyond simple announcements.
 - d. Fine Arts Lunch~May 6. (No school) We host! Food under control. Pam S. coordinating, so ask her how to help. High school students will serve, plus others are needed.
 - e. Library CD~will be used to stock the new middle school library building when built.
 - f. Money market established for kitchen project.

g. Bus CD~Pres. Shelley explained the situation of the upcoming bus expense for meeting new air regulations. For retrofitting the old ones, and the purchase of buying new buses that will comply. Our bus CD of approximately \$20,000 can go to help this cost. Huge upcoming need!

IX. Joanne De Raadt closed in prayer. (Also thanked for bringing refreshments! ☺)

Next and final meeting of the year! May 13, 2011 at Almond Valley CRC Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted, S.C. secretary, Lori Prins