Williamson REACH Committee

Meeting Minutes    November 16, 2005

Attendees:  Cathie Abdunmasir, Mary Anagnostopoulos, Matthew Cuvelier, Nina Cuvelier, Barb Dobson, Maria Erhesman, Jackie Fox, Libby Miller, Wanda Miller, Linda Moll, Taylor Shoemaker

Meeting Change:  The 1/11/05 meeting will be held in the Elementary School library starting at 5:00.  Our regular meeting will be from 5:00 – 6:00 and then Joy Messenger from Nazareth College will speak on Service Learning 101 - “How Service Learning Benefits Community, College and Career” from 6:00-7:00.

Treasurer’s Report:  No changes from last report.

- Discussion was had and the Committee approved to pay a $50 fee for Libby M. to attend the Building a Better Community for Youth & Families conference. This fee will come out of the General REACH fund. Libby will report back to committee after the meeting and present report to School Board.
- Carol V. reported that the Wal-Mart Grant paperwork was received. This will be completed and the funds will be used for the intergenerational dance at the high school on Sunday, January 22nd.
- Carol V. will download scrapbook photos onto disc and have them developed at Eckerd’s. Receipts will be presented for reimbursement.
- Discussion was had that a Fundraising Committee should be formed to organize, run and follow-up on any fundraising events. Committee should consist of 1-2 members plus a student treasurer. Jackie F. volunteered to be on the committee. The following suggestions were made for fundraising:
  - Wal-Mart Bonus (Matching) Grant: Wal-Mart will match up to $1,000 any fundraising done as long as Brenda Bowman from Newark Wal-Mart is present for the fundraising activities. Suggestions for activities were chicken barbeque, bake sales, car wash. Discussion was held and everyone agreed that holding a chicken barbeque during the Learning Fair (3/25/05 from 1:00-4:00) would be a good fundraiser. Carol V. suggested using Buster to cook chickens. Jackie F. to organize chicken barbeque. Cathie A. will check with district calendar to confirm date for Learning Fair. Carol V. to write grant and contact Brenda Bowman about fundraisers. Discussion also had about working in Masonic Booth at Apple Blossom as a fundraiser. Carol V. has asked Ryan Dobson to check into this.
Board of Directors: Looking for a Chamber of Commerce Rep. Mary A. spoke to Nancy Jordan. They will have secretary of Chamber write to all Chamber members and will include write-up of what REACH is to present to Chamber members.

Grants:
- Maria Ehresman gave a report on grants. She has spoken with BOCES Grantwriting and they are checking on 2 grants to be written:
  - Summer Camp Program
  - After-school program – for 5th and 6th graders

Activity Overview:
  Elementary School:
- CO-RP II projects started. Will help with Community Center holiday event. Students in each grade will make decorations from 11/28 – 11/30. These will be delivered on 11/30 by Carol and Libby. HS students have volunteered to hang them up. Libby Miller and Tracie Hess were thanked for organizing much of this activity.
- District-wide donation drive for Community Center will be from 11/28-12/13. ES students will collect crayons/coloring books; MS Volunteer Club will collect puzzles and books; HS Volunteer Club will collect mittens, scarves, hats, and gloves. Will be delivered by Carol and Libby on 12/14.
- Bus circle garden stepping-stones will be redone on 1/5 or 1/6. They will be placed in the spring on either side of the main entrance. If you would like to help with this event, contact Carol.

  Middle School: Volunteer Club
- Volunteer Club – Society of Helping Hands - Students raked at Pultneyville Historical Society on 11/1/05.
- Scrapbook Club meets every Monday. They are working on REACH books and have great attendance.
- CO-RP II District-Wide donation drive for Community Center: Volunteer Club wrapped boxes on 11/8/05 for the students to place donations in. These will be placed in Main Office of ES. One will go to the HS. Small wrapped boxes will be used in the MS. Students will bring in puzzles and books from 11/28-12/13. Delivered on 12/14.
- Students will possibly make bird feeders and deliver them to Blossom View in January.

High School:
- NYS Youth Bureau Conference. Was held on 10/24/05. Attended by Carol V., Libby M., Tanesha Bailey (student) and Ashley McCaslin (student) Carol V. handed out write-up on conference. On BOE agenda 12/7/05 to present.
- Community Service Initiative Committee. Students must complete 20 hours of community service before end of senior year. Carol V. met with freshmen and handed out information on available activities to get them going on this. Also invited them to attend REACH meetings. Spent lunch periods in cafeteria with information – booth with REACH and Community Service information – 11/14.
- CO-RP II District-Wide donation drive for Community Center: Students will bring in scarves, hats, mittens, and gloves from 11/28-12/13 and put in big box by Main Office. Carol V. and Libby M. will collect all building donations and deliver to the Community Center on 12/14/05 at noon.
- Salvation Army Kettle Drive - Will be held 12/3/05. Many students have already signed up.
- Project URGE – Will be held 12/9/05. A lot of sign-ups already. Chaperones needed. Will hold another Project URGE the Friday after Spring Break.
- Monroe County Asset Partner Network Breakfast will be 12/2/05 from 7:30-10:30. The bus will leave at 6:30 from the HS parking lot. Have openings for parents to attend. Let Carol V. know if interested. The HS kids will present about Project URGE at this event.
- Scrapbook Club/Bulletin Board: Meet every other Tuesday in the Art Room 10th period. Next meeting will be held 12/29/05. Tracie Hess runs activity.
- Dance Club meets Thursday evenings in HS Library 5:00-6:30. Great turnout so far. Will be learning line dancing, show, swing, and hip-hop. Taught by student and teacher volunteers. Chaperones are Rhonda Tuchrello, Pat Walker, Megan McLaughlin and Carol V.
- Snowball: Volunteers needed. Will be held Saturday, 1/21/06 from 7:00-10:00 with postponement date 1/22/06 from 6:00-9:00. Meetings are held 10th period at the HS Faculty Conference Room every Thursday beginning 12/8/05.
- Intergenerational Wal-Mart Dinner/Dance: Volunteers needed. Linda Barber will chair. To be held 12:00-4:00 on 1/22/06. Joel Song will DJ.
- Scholarship speakers will begin on 11/30/05 starting with Optimax.

Other Business:
- Parents Who Host Lose the Most. Carol V. went to meeting. They offer a PowerPoint that can be customized. Will be shown 1/5/06 at MCAPN meeting. Would like to implement at WCS. There is no cost involved. Suggestion made to put with our parent directory, PTA and have a panel discussion. Maybe put on Channel 12 also. Need volunteers.
- For Kid’s Sake Workshop: To be held 11/21/05 at Pavilion Central School on bullying. Let Kristen Smutz know if anyone interested in attending an evening presentation. There is no cost involved.
- Nazareth College Center for Service Learning – Service Learning 101 – “How Community Service Benefits Community, College and Career”. PTSA, staff, parents, MS & HS students, and School Board are welcome. Joy will talk on how service learning benefits the community, and student’s college and career. There will be small work groups.

Meeting was adjourned.