

**Hamilton County Schools Foundation  
Minutes of Meeting Held June 30, 2008**

Present: Mike Karcher, Lovella Craddock, Mary Little, Vince Mitchell, Karen Rapp, Mary Lee Stephens, Kathy Pryer, and Virginia [Bobbin] Lasater

Guests: Mayor Dick Deitz, Ann Burke, Nathan Rowland, Roger Lee, Mike Lewis, and Ryan Nelson

The meeting was called to order by Mike Karcher at 5:00 PM at the Unit #10 Office.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 21 and May 31, 2008 meeting was made by Vince and seconded by Kathy. Motion approved by voice vote.

Mike welcomed our visitors and thanked them for their presence.

Mike introduced Ann Burke and Nathan Rowland, representatives from the Richard C. Weinmann Trust. Nathan presented a letter to the Board discussing the transfer of funds and setting up a perpetual scholarship in Dick's memory, in the amount of \$25,000.00. This amount would be used to fund an annual \$500.00 scholarship for a Hamilton County High School graduate. The qualifications to obtain such scholarship would be the submission of a 500 word essay discussing the applicant's community service work and what community service means to the applicant. A panel to be named by the siblings of Richard C. Weinmann would review these essays. The panel would select the recipient based on the essays demonstration of the applicant's community service commitment. Ann then discussed the one time donations to the local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of \$500.00 each and \$3,000.00 to the Chamber of Commerce. Nathan presented a check for \$29,000.00 to the Hamilton County Schools Foundation. Mike then brought everyone up to date on the Tennis Courts/Basketball Court project; light poles are in, lights are ordered, and staked it on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mike introduced Mayor Dick Deitz, Roger Lee, and Mike Lewis from the Track Renovation Committee. Mike Lewis discussed the formation of the committee that consist of 25 members interested in raising money to update the existing track into a 6 lane track. The committee contacted a company, Midwest Track, and they estimated it would cost between \$275,000 to \$400,000, depending on the volunteers and in-kind donations, such as engineering, excavating, etc..... Also, discussed ways to generate money such as; naming a lane, name on the high jump, and name on a hurdle. Mr. Lewis and the Track Renovation Committee respectively request that the Hamilton

County School Foundation accepts the funds for updating the existing track. Discussion followed. Mary Little will check the rules and regulations about the maximum amount, in regards to an audit for a 501 (c) (3). A motion was made by Lovella and seconded by Kathy that the Hamilton County Schools Foundation accepts and administers the funds from the Track Renovation Committee.

Mike Karcher acknowledged Ryan Nelson and thanked him for being here.

The Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2008, indicating a balance in the checking account of \$19,548.75, Combs-Money Market of \$1,129.33, Lasater-Savings of \$3,685.48, Combs-Scholarship of \$27,852.00, Lasater-Scholarship of \$21,235.16, Tennis-Basketball Project account of \$101,790.53, and Restricted Donations balance of \$371.00 The Foundation has total assets of \$175,241.25. Discussion followed. Vince is going to research \$120.00 of the restricted fund to find out what these funds were to be earmarked. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2008 was made by Lovella and seconded by Kathy. Motion approved by voice vote. A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Lovella to distribute funds for the Brian Lasater Memorial Scholarship and the Karen Combs Memorial Teaching Scholarship to Rend Lake College. Rend Lake Collegewill set up an account for each recipient. Motion approved by voice vote.

Approval to pay bills: The June, 2008 bills were presented for approval to pay: \$4608.00 to North Pacific for 6 light poles [4 for TC @ \$3072.00 & 2 for BB Court @\$1536.00], \$80.40 toTimes Leader for ad. Motion to approve the payment of bills was made by Vince and seconded by Mary Lee. Motion approved by voice vote.

## Old Business

### A. Tennis/Basketball complex Project Update

1. Construction Committee: Mike e-mailed the Foundation Board about the new courts being staked by Kevin Phillips on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 AM. The pink, green, and blue flags are markers for the rock piles. Lovella would like to know when the rock is being delivered so she can get a picture. First the top soil will be removed, then fill dirt, then blade the rock from east end to west end. The courts will be sloped the same as the other courts.
2. Fund-Raising Committee: We need to work on funds for the Basketball Court. Mary Little and Vince Mitchell will head the Silver Fox Committee. Vince will contact Leesa White and Randy Kirsch.
3. Public Relations Committee: Lovella will contact the Times Leader about an article on Dick Weinmann's donation to the Foundation for the Tennis Courts and discuss what is needed for the Basketball Court.

- B. Mailing List/Membership Renewals: Bobbin has all the classes presently sent. Discussion followed. If anyone knows of any class reunions this summer we need to get the programs with addresses from these classes. Then, Bobbin will update the spreadsheet and send out membership letters.
- C. Other: The Foundation's annual Barbeque is October 4, 2008.

New Business

- A. Hand-in-Hand Foundation: The Hand-in-Hand Foundation is having a '50's Dinner and Dance fund raiser in Evansville on August 9, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Everyone is urged to donate and attend this Bobby Socks & Bobbye-Que to show our support.
- B. Other: The Wabash Area Development Inc., sent the Foundation a letter requesting to host fund raising events or donations to buy a floor mixer estimated to cost \$3400.00. Discussion followed. It was decided that we are not going to be able to help with this project at this time

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2008, at 5:00 PM at the Unit #10 Boardroom.

Mary Lee motioned to adjourn, seconded by Lovella. Motion approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned.

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Virginia Lasater, Secretary  
Hamilton County Schools Foundation