

WECC Meeting – August 24, 2016

Attendance: David Criswell, Doug Herigstad, Stan Kuick, Cathy Kuwamoto and David Merrill. Guest - Dawn Johnson from Ochoa.

1. Meeting is called to order at 7:09: p.m.
2. Each board member introduced themselves. Dawn is willing to do fund-raising but has some health concerns. Dawn raised \$75,000 for a heart walk and raised \$40,000 for the B reactor 60th anniversary. She raises money for Tri-City Americans College Fund. She is good at connecting people to resources. For the 2018 state tournament, we hope to raise possibly \$20,000 – 30,000. Our mandate to support K-6 students in chess and we are targeting non-profit companies supporting STEM. We are expecting 750 students for the tournament.

Dawn suggested Team Battelle – probably can get \$1,000 or Kadlec to become a sponsor and she will come up with a package for different levels of support and present at the next WECC meeting.

She would also approach Team Battelle for the Chief Joseph MS tournament.

David Merrill asked her to look for a company with space for tournaments.

Dawn will check with Toyota Center.

3. Meeting minutes from June 29, 2016 were approved.
4. Financial report:
 - a. Paypal - \$557.93
 - b. HAPO – savings - \$6333.61 checking \$2193.29. CD C3 was transferred to saving. 18 months CDC5 - \$7,573.84 matures Jan. 19, 2017. Current balance \$16,658.67. Deposits made from United Way.
 - c. Discussion of Insurance coverage – no changes needed - \$225. Cathy made a motion to pay for insurance and Stan seconded – motion approved.
 - d. TRAC contact and check needs to be signed by Sept. 30, 2016.
 - e. David Criswell will check with HAPO about the process to add Doug to the checking account and board members will meet 5 p.m. on Sept. 1st.
 - f. David Merrill move that we spend \$10 for the state board update and Cathy seconded and motion passed. Discussion occurred about other changes for board positions. No action taken at this time.
5. Reviewed Cottonwood Castle K-6 tournament – November 5, 2016. – telephone conference call with Britt Hann – She has reserved facility and tables and chairs. David Merrill will send a flyer template to Britt Hann. PSD will get a \$10 rate for their students. Cathy will email trophy information to Britt. Britt will have David do the online set-up for the tournament.
6. TRAC contract review - \$6,000 guarantee in concessions – it was not clear in writing what would happen if we don't meet \$6,000 – amount owed in the contract. Also not mentioned earlier was the charge for vendor tables. Another point of contention is “No outside Food” WECC can agree to no outside Vendor

food. Finally, paragraph about tickets prices should not be applied for registrations for the tournament.

David Merrill was not able to see table layout. There may not be enough tables on the map – Stan will check the map. Discussion of power for the team tables – need to confirm 7 days prior to event. David and Stan will talk with TRAC about contract issues

7. Letter from Mid-Columbia Library – The West Pasco librarian expressed appreciation for WECC’s donation for the Friday Knight chess program. They had 300 participants for 10 weeks. Other branches are interested in the program. The library will continue with the programs during the school year. David Merrill will post the letter on the website.
8. Action item – David Merrill will get the Swiss Sys key numbers from the WECC computers to do the upgrades at the next board meeting at his house. .
9. Next meeting – Sept. 14, 2016 at David’s house at 7 p.m. and then Oct. 5, 2016 at Doug’s house - 553 Franklin

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Kuwamoto