

**Minutes of the Monday, September 8, 2014
West Midland Family Center Board Information Only Directors Meeting**

Board Members: G. Dauer, B. Dollard, E.J. Herst, A. Schmitz, J. Weiler,
Excused: S. Bowen, R. Dishaw, J. Lauderbach, A. Pankratz, W. Traschen, D. Parrillo
Advisors: T. Misner, C. Coons
Staff: G. Dorrien, M. Sobolewski, H. Roth

Staff Report: Mike Sobolewski, Dow COP Director

Mike reported on the summer trips:

The freshmen and sophomores took a trip to the Upper Peninsula. They had some interesting adventures. They took a Tour on a Glass Bottom Boat. They went to the Black Rocks and all jumped. They also did some white water rafting and visited Tahquamenon Falls and the Copper River.

The Juniors did a college tour visiting Grand Valley State University, Albion College, Hiram College and the University of Michigan, The made a trip to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, the World's Largest Candy Store and Castle Rock.

The Senior Trip went west to the Bad Lands National Park and a visit with Terri. Next stop was the Mall of America. They also went to the SS Dakota Battle Ship. On the return trip they decided to take the SS Badger Car Ferry across Lake Michigan, which saved gas, time and made for an interesting trip home.

All together they traveled 5228 miles in the three trips, crossed eight states, were on 2 different peninsulas, toured 12 colleges, ate 30 pasties, and had countless adventures, which made for a really cool summer for the students.

There are 24 possible students at this time. The first information night there were 57 students and parents. The Saturday morning session there were 30.

Herst called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M

Executive Committee – E.J. Herst, Chair

Did not meet.

By-Laws / Nominating Sub-Committee – T. Misner, Chair

There are three Directors who's terms are coming to an end...Joe Weiler is at the end of his second term and will go off. Anne Pankratz and Wendy Traschen are reaching the end of their first term and must agree to a second term

Fundraising Sub-Committee – S. Bowen, Chair

Dorrien reports we will be contacting everyone who has given \$1,000.00 or more, letting them know about the "Sustainability Puzzle" and what it is about. If they want to do it they will have to return a card included in the mailing saying they want to be a part of it, then we will put their name on the wall. If we do not hear from them we will not put them up.

Strategic Growth Committee- Dave Parrillo, Chair

Did not meet.

The Board commented on the 40th Anniversary Event with really great response...

Investment Committee – B. Dollard, Chair

Dollard reported the committee did meet and covered a few action items...**1.** Invite the Investment Manager to the Board Meeting. She has been invited for November 3, 2014. **2.** Investment Committee will meet again on November 3 at 6:00 pm just before the Board Meeting where Azimuth will present at both meetings.

Accounting / Budget Committee – C. Coons, Chair

Coons reported that the committee did meet and the Auditors attended and again we got a clean report...Kudos to Jason.

We are doing well with the budget so far this year.

Dow COP Committee - B. Dollard/G. Dorrien Committee Members

Dollard reported that the committee is getting a couple of new members.

Dorrien reported that Mike is doing a great job with the students. When there is a Director change the students usually have problems and leave, Mike has only lost one Student. Good work Mike.

Activities Committee – G. Dauer, Chair

Did not meet.

Facilities Committee – E.J. Herst, Committee Member

Did not meet.

Jeff has taken a leave to try to get disability. In the interim There is a young man who is covering Jeff's position and is doing well.

Human Resources Committee A. Schmitz, Committee Member

Did not meet.

Communications Committee – W. Traschen, Chair

Family Focus is at the printers and should be available any day. The 40th Anniversary Event is highlighted.

Auxiliary Committee – G. Dauer, Committee Member

Dauer reported Bingo did not do well this summer, but that is normal. We have a volunteer who is handing flyers out in the neighborhood. We hope to raise \$16,000.00 this year

Executive Director's Report - G. Dorrien

See report distributed with the board packet.

The Account/Budget Committee has approved a 3% wage increase.

Greg presented to the United Way with Susan Love and EJ Herst looking on.

WMFC is the number one giver of the 28 agencies.

Board member, advisor, and staff comments:

Everyone is invited to the Investment Committee Meeting, Thursday, November 3, 2014, at 6:00 PM just before the WMFC Board Meeting. Azimuth will present at both.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm by Herst.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 3, 2014** at 7:00 pm. at the West Midland Family Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane DeMott