

Communication, Education, Youth Committee Meeting Minutes (10/6/2005)

The Committee was called to order at 6:38 pm on October 6th, 2005 in the Twin Lakes Village Hall. Members in attendance included Corinne Krebs, Vicki Skinner, and Trustee Griffin; members absent were Petras Barcus, Joseph Bergeron, Lynne Hellman (Indiana Resident), and Katy Marsecalco; no public attended the meeting.

“Food for Thought” for this meeting was a quote by famous painter Leonardo da Vinci who stated in c.1500, “Water is the driver of Nature.”

Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed, but without a quorum, no vote could be taken. The committee will vote on approval at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Corinne updated the committee concerning the website. Stephanie Darling has done a terrific job getting all of the information up-to-date. She has added a Calendar of Events to inform the public of upcoming educational events. All of the committees appear to be supplying Stephanie with the information she needs to keep the site current! Also, under Old Business, Vicki Skinner provided a brief report on the District Committee List. The members with information will be contacted to fill in any gaps, and then the final copy will be distributed.

New Business:

The main topic under new business was a very inspiring, informal presentation by Karen Reddin. Ms. Reddin, head of the Powers Lake Educational Program for school children, conducts the program in her Randall School District class setting. She feels that children respond better to the outdoor activities when they begin with some formal instruction in the classroom. Karen explained that she began by applying for a grant which would allow her to purchase supplies needed for an environmental studies chapter in her curriculum. She has been working on the program for about two years, and it has evolved to include a week of preparation in the classroom and a lake-edge day with learning stations. This year she enlisted high school students to help run the stations and use their knowledge of environmental studies to teach their younger counterparts. Through some discussion with Karen, the committee found that Lakewood School instructors have been contacted several times and asked to become involved in a lake education program. Unfortunately, even with this year’s efforts, no one has come forward as a willing volunteer from the school district. The committee members present believe they may try to approach the youth education from a different angle in order to make progress on an educational program in Twin Lakes.

Also covered briefly under New Business was the response from the Steering Council concerning the TWLPRD scrapbook. Members of the Council feel the best plan would be for the Communication, Education, and Youth Committee to ask for the materials they need from the individual subcommittees. The Committee could then decide how to proceed. The feedback sheets from the District’s Annual Meeting were distributed to each of the committee leaders, so that they could provide a response to concerned citizens.

Finally, a new project the committee would like to pursue involves drafting Volunteer Monitoring Data Sheets which would record information about our lake resources. Vicki Skinner has been charged with developing the initial drafts of the data collection forms. The committee will review the initial drafts, make changes (if necessary), and present the forms to the Steering Council.

The next meeting will be held November 3rd, 2005 at 6:30pm in the Twin Lakes Village Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.