

2008 Summer Board Meeting Chicago

The Horace Mann League of the USA Summer Board Meeting, June 22, 2008,

Chicago Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. , by Fred Hartmeister, President

Members Present: Fred Hartmeister, Steve Rasmussen, George Garcia, Colleen Wilcox, James Anderson, Charles Fowler, Joe Hairston, Eric King, Julie Underwood, Jack McKay, and Spike Jorgensen.

1. Approval of Minutes of Friday, February 18, 2008 and February 19, 2008.

Motion to approve minutes. Made by Colleen Wilcox, second by Steve Rasmussen. Passed.

2. Highlights of the Strategic Planning Session

Vision: “An honorary society that promotes the ideals of Horace Mann by advocating for public education as the cornerstone of American democracy. “

3. Continuing Alliances

Motion to continue annual luncheon arrangements with the Suburban School Superintendents and Teachers College Alumni. Made by Jim Anderson, second by Joe Hairston. Passed

4. Annual Meeting Review

Reviewed highlights and format for the annual meeting and luncheon. Consensus is to continue format of the annual meeting.

5. Update on Budget

Reviewed major revenues and expenditures for the first half of 2008. Sale of the book, “On the Art of Teaching” is a major factor contributing to the positive balance.

6. Update on the book

Creating common schools for the 21st Century Julie Underwood and Spike Jorgensen reviewed progress on the book, Creating common schools for the 21st Century.” Contract signed with publisher, Jossey-Bass. One chapter remains to be written. Expected publication will be January, 2009.

7. Update on Membership/Recruitment

Reviewed the progress on recruitment activities.

The following board members have submitted 20 names of potential members: Anderson, Marx, Edwards, Fowler, Wilcox, Choye, and Underwood. Others are urged to send names of potential members (See attached list of new members).

8. Update on Legal Issues

Julie Underwood and Fred Hartmeister reviewed legal activities. There are no pending educational issues before the Supreme Court.

9. Update on Corporate Partnerships Not new corporate partners, but optimistic that relations will develop with Pearson Publishing and Spectrum Education.

10. Update on Book and Print Sales

Baltimore County Public Schools (TX) 900 copies

Plano Independent School District (TX) 600 copies

Crowley Independent School District (TX) 150 copies

Issaquah School District (WA) 100 copies

Katonah Lewisboro School District (NY) 125 copies

11. Update on Display Schedule

Reviewed list of school districts scheduled to use the displays during the 2008-09 year.

12. Nomination of Vice President

The Nominations Committee recommended Julie Underwood for Vice President. (To be submitted at the annual meeting.)

13. Nominations for Director Vacancies

Six people were nominated for the three vacancies on the Board of Directors. The Executive Director will confirm members. Nominator will confirm that the person nominated will accept the nomination. The Executive Director will follow-up with a letter confirming the nominations, expectations, and election procedures. (See attached.)

14. Recommendations for “Outstanding Friend of Education” Nominations were discussed and ranked. The Executive Director will follow-up with those ranked in priority. (See attached.)

15. Recommendations for “Outstanding Public Educator” Nominations were discussed and ranked. The Executive Director will follow-up with those ranked in priority.

16. Recommendation for “Outstanding Friend of the HML” Nominations were presented. Motion made to approve Ken Underwood for the HML Award. Passed. McKay will notify Dr. Underwood.

17. Recommendation for the featured speaker Option of a “featured speakers” for the annual meeting was discussed. **By consensus, it was agreed that the two awardees would be the featured speakers.**

18. To do list:

- Publish Book mark published for members: Jack- Julie-Steve 10/1
 - Survey of members on issues: Colleen, Jack 12/15
 - Research Legal Defense Fund:-Julie – Fred 2/1/09
 - Research Think Tank Concept: Spike and Fred 2/1/09
 - Check on Distinguished Lecture Sponsorship: Steve –Jack 10/1
 - Corporate/foundations partners: Mark, Jack, Chuck 10/1
 - Write and publish the book: FINALIZE Julie & Spike 2/1/09
 - Develop model policy statements based on chapters: Spike 2/1/09 19. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.
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