

Annual CPAC Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2024

Those in attendance were: Eric Stender, Nevaeh Lusher, Krislyn Dietrich, Nancy Robertson, Betty Edison, Marilyn Stout, Tyler Wenger, Carl Duewer, Pam Johnson, (Chief Anderson and Tristan McGrew online).

Eric called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Carl moved to accept the minutes. Nancy seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3,405.61. Betty moved to accept the report. Nancy seconded. Motion carried.

Report of officers: Eric reflected on the past year. He said that CPAC has momentum, and that he was happy to have student leaders and staff members involved as part of a team. We will rely on the team approach as we move forward. The financial report from the past year was distributed through email. Mentoring was our biggest expense, and Eric said that we are blessed to have a partnership with Chestnut. The report is available to anyone who wants to see it. Carl added that the report shows that we are an efficient group and that we would welcome donations.

Old business:

C3 Mentoring- The character trait for March was self-discipline. April's character trait is perseverance. There will be a speaker who will speak to the mentors and to the students. There will also be a field trip in April, and the end of year meeting will be in May.

The Mason County Foundation (wind grant)- The paperwork has been submitted and is under review.

New business:

Officer elections- Eric reminded us of By-law Article III- Voting membership which says "to be a voting member, one must have attended 3 meetings in the preceding 12 months" and By-law Article VII Board of Directors which says "a majority vote of the members present, with a minimum of 5 community-based members is required. The directors shall serve for a term of 1 year". Requirements were met.

Slate of officers: Eric Stender- President, Betty Edison- Vice President, Pam Johnson- Secretary/Treasurer, Marilyn Stout- Recording Secretary, Carl Duewer- Trustee, Nancy Robertson- Trustee, Adam Anderson- Trustee, Molly Spence-Hawk- Trustee. Positions for IC representatives are open. Amy Shields is interested in being a Middle School representative and perhaps Breanna Damarin will be a voice for us at the Grade School.

Voting- Carl nominated the entire slate. Nancy moved to close nominations. Pam seconded. Motion carried. Carl moved that the entire slate be accepted by voice vote. Pam seconded. Motion carried. The entire slate was elected.

Student leadership- Eric asked the students present to recommend students from this year's sophomore class who would be good candidates to participate in our meetings during the next school year. They recommended Regan Harris, Olivia Golden, Sophia Montgomery and Xavier Stark.

Nancy asked for their input about the meal served at the end of the year last year. What changes would they make? Nevaeh said that the meal was well-organized and the food was good.

Eric asked the students to consider attending the CGTI conference at EIU. CPAC is offering a full scholarship to the juniors who have been attending our meetings. The students asked if other students could attend. Eric said that if other students were interested, we would find a way for them to attend.

Tyler had samples of posters with messages that encourage students to make good choices on prom night. The students chose the poster that they liked best. At that point, the students had to leave for a

school event. The discussion continued about grant money that is in place to offer scholarships to these students. A decision needs to be made about how much money will be awarded and to whom. It was agreed to encourage these students to continue attending our meetings during their senior year. Carl suggested that we ask the students to attend a minimum of 3 meetings so that they could be voting members and possibly eligible for scholarships. No decision was made.

#### Chestnut

IYS- Illini Central will participate in April.

Parent alcohol campaign- Tyler showed us the information card that will go out to the parents, and surveys will also be sent out. Surveys are required by the grants to make sure that parents are seeing the information. Everything is data driven. There was discussion about having a table at the Middle School track meet on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Parents would be asked to fill out a survey about their preferred way to receive information. CPAC could offer a free Gatorade to encourage parents to come to the table. If a decision is made to do this, reimbursement will be voted on at the April meeting.

#### Upcoming events

Your Actions Matter- Tyler will reach out to Heather Davis to see if student council will participate. No date has been set.

Prom (4/27)- Poster design has been chosen.

Playbill (4/12,13)- We will decide about an ad before the play.

Character of a Champion (chain project at the grade school)- Eric has asked Ms. Damarin to be an advocate for us at the grade school. There's been no response at this time.

Reimbursement- Betty moved that Eric be reimbursed for "Thank you" cards and postages for C3 Mentoring. Carl seconded. Motion carried.

C3 Field trip (4/16)- Plans for the field trip to Malibu Jack's are in place. The school is providing transportation. The cost is \$20 per student (45 students) which covers an activity pass and pizza. Two staff members will chaperone as well as eight mentors. Expectations will be made clear to the students, and the school will decide which students cannot go. We will have an invoice of \$900 which will be paid by check.

Final discussion: Leann Courson will be the guest speaker at the C3 mentoring meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. She will discuss trials in her life and end with a message of hope. Carl moved to give her an honorarium of \$300. Nancy seconded. Motion carried. Pam will have the check ready.

Pam suggested having the pie chart from the year end financial report mounted on cardboard so it can be displayed with the tri-fold at the CPAC table during events where CPAC has a presence.

Nancy will use the same menu for this year's C3 mentoring meal as she used last year. She may add a May basket for dessert since the meeting is on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

At the next meeting we will discuss the mentor appreciation/recruitment lunch. Eric suggested May 8<sup>th</sup> at noon for the date and time. Nancy will contact Do Drop In to see if they can accommodate the group.

The IGA cookout is scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Confirmation of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 at the Mason City library.

Adjournment: Nancy moved to adjourn. Pam seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Stout