

Meeting Minutes – Citizens for Equity
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 17, 2008 – 6:30 PM
Horizon Books, Traverse City

Present

Marj Middel, Kristie Bach, Mike Murray, Paul Soma, Fred Tank, Deb Nickerson,
Kim Eike, Dan Rice

1. Status Report – Paul updated the group on the current status of our effort.
2. Treasurer's Report – Total balance as of 1/10/08 - \$1,865.27
3. State Funding Update – Paul reported that the Governor's budget proposal is due on Feb. 7. It was decided that everyone should e-mail the Governor prior to that date. Paul will work on talking points to distribute to members for their e-mails. It was also mentioned that members should contact Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer and encourage him to stop his effort to give the state budget surplus back to the taxpayers.
4. Equity Initiatives – Outreach Efforts
 - a. Statewide Conference – Dan suggested that we organize a statewide conference to bring together all of the various groups around the state who are working on equity. Lansing (or East Lansing) seemed to be the best spot. Kristie volunteered to call several possible locations (Lansing Center? Kellogg Center? Hotels with conference/meeting rooms). A likely date will be a Saturday in late April. We would contact the media and our local state representatives to encourage them to attend.
 - b. Board Resolutions – It was suggested that we create a model resolution for School Boards and local Education Associations to adopt. This would be a way of bringing our issue before more communities. It was also suggested that we then post a list of all of the Boards and Associations who have adopted the resolution on our Web site.
5. Next Steps – We outlined the following as possible steps:
 - a. January – Write the Governor.
 - b. February – Send out invitations to the statewide conference and ask current members to renew their memberships.
 - c. March – Hold a planning meeting for the statewide conference.
 - d. April – Hold the statewide conference (possibly 4/19 or 4/26)

Adjourned: 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted, Dan Rice