

Citizens for Equity
Meeting Minutes 3/15/07
Horizon Books, Traverse City 6:00 p.m.

Present Kirt Kilborne , Paul Soma, Dan Rice , Megan Lewis , Rep. Howard Walker, Mike Hill , James Feil,
Mike Murray, Roger Merriman , Chris Esper , Fred Tank , Deb Nickerson , David Barr , Rex Hite ,
Kay Meyers , Kim Eike , Dan Barboza, Kathleen Barboza , Barb Mort , Kristie Bach

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report

- *No recorded deposits*
- *A total balance of \$358.56 total in our Account*
- *IRS filing fee has changed as our categorization as a group has changed to a lobbying structure*

Publicity Committee

- *Presentation of Equity Kit*
- *Approval to create a surplus of kits for distribution*
- *Thanks to the committee for creation of the kits*

Web Site

- *Hit averages are up*
- *From about 480 (mostly from the TC area last year) to 1300 (from all over the state this year, 3 mo. in)*
- *Most likely a result from TC Board Meeting Presentation*
- *Updates*
 - *link to recent Record Eagle article*

Discussion Items

Visit to Lansing w/ subcommittee on Equity

- *Jim and Kirt attended*
- *Consisted of Committee and mostly School Administrators and Lobbyists*
- *Used "discrimination" on record*
- *Good impact*
- *Huron Valley also made a contribution to the effort*
- *State rep for PTO/PTA impact statement regarding who gets paid for decision making and planning*
- *Reminder (Moss) Prop A transferred liability to State*

- TV coverage

By Laws

- *Finished just need to be typed and approved*
- *Roman is working on paperwork for our Lobbying status*

New Hosting for CFE mailing press releases

- *Dan working on getting this set up*

Financial

- *Received a \$100 donation from Suttons Bay, needs to be recorded with Paul*

Speakers

Mike Hill

- On March 26th there is the last Town Meeting with Granholm in TC*
- Barb Mort will be there*
- TV 9 & 10 website*
- Need a mass emailing to get people to send equity questions to 9&10 so they place it on their roster*

Dave Barr – WTCM

- Ideas for making public service announcements; including: TCTV2, WTCM, Record Eagle Community Calendar, WLGN, IPR (WIAA), WMKT (Charlevoix), Alpena station (?)*
- 2-3 weeks in advance to get it going*

Chris Esper

- Feels we are in need of a larger scale public meeting before the end of the school year to get people involve/educated*
- We will meet as a publicity committee to set it up for May*

Group

- Meeting of School Boards is May 15th. Could we possibly present to them?*
- The planning meeting is next week – hopefully a representative can get us on the docket*

Barb Mort

- Community Democrats will report in newsletter a 400-600 word article if given to them (possibly Kristie Bach's letter updated?)*
- Contacting the Republican and TC Common Sense group to possibly do the same*

Representative Howard Walker

*Senate's proposed budget may have the equity payment put back in
Current concerns are that there is an executive order to balance budget
so the Governor has the authority to reduce ed. payments*

*It would be good to again send the message to not make cut the lowest
funded districts*

*Howard can help set up slots for us to testify, but has to wait until the
meeting date/agenda is set to do so*

Written testimony is also accepted

Meeting Adjourned 7:00 p.m