

Minutes of the Northborough Scholarship Committee

September 29, 2003

7 – 8 p.m. at Town Hall Room C

Present: Margie Hurwitz, Stacey Incorvaia, Joyce Isen, Laurie Klein Greg Young

Absent: Bob Melican

Greg summarized the two main tasks ahead of the committee: to develop a scholarship process including criteria and a timeline, and to organize ongoing fundraising and publicity activities. The first step is to research what other towns have done for a scholarship committee and compare them, then write a draft of our own proposal. At this point, involvement and approval from the School Committee would be a good idea. We need to schedule our dates for the application process and also get approval for our proposal from the Board of Selectmen. Ideally we can announce our first set of scholarships at the high school awards night in May (question: is this an Algonquin only event?).

These are our assignments for research:

Greg –recheck Shrewsbury and look at Grafton

Laurie – Westboro

Joyce – Southboro

Margie – Hudson, plus some Internet research

Stacey – Marlboro

We'll report on what we learned at the next meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, October 20, at 7 p.m. in Room C at Town Hall.

Officers were elected:

Chair – Greg

Secretary – Joyce

Treasurer – Margie

There was general discussion about fundraising ideas. Greg suggested doing one large event rather than many small ones. Cow chip bingo is a possibility. Laurie suggested asking local merchants for donations. We need to find out if these donations are tax deductible. Greg will review materials from the "Dollars for Scholars" fundraising program. Stacy wondered if we could put a note about the scholarship committee in with the next tax bill mailing. Margie will meet with June Hubbard-Ward to learn about financial issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Isen, Secretary