

Partners in English Language Learning (PiELL)
Annual Meeting
January 22, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Place: Lyman Gilmore School, Room B-6
10837 Rough and Ready Hwy., Grass Valley, CA 95945

Bev Stout, outgoing President of PiELL, welcomed board members, tutors and guests to our annual meeting and provided a summation of our year's achievements, losses and gains. Bev thanked Judi Kreinick for her work as President during the first half of 2010 and the previous year. She also recognized Donna Cobb for her efforts as our Program Coordinator and thanked student Margarita Weistock for her assistance as our student liaison.

Bev provided a summation of our year's achievements, losses and gains, and informed the attendees that:

- we currently have 48 active tutors serving the needs of 55 students
- we had a loss of 1 board member, Marianne Cartan
- we gained 3 new board members: Nancy Guenther, Tod Buis and Susan Murai
- we have 8 resource tutors
- we have 7 intake interviewers
- we conducted 3 tutor training sessions and trained 22 tutors, 14 of which are still active
- two of our students studied for and received their U.S. Citizenship
- Leave Behind literature was created to attract new tutors and to publicize the work our organization does
- new English brochures and business cards were designed
- outreach presentations were made to several local groups
- Kathy Mollet implemented a profitable Scrip program
- publicity included several articles in The Union and radio interviews by Board members Tod Buis and Judi Kreinick
- a 15 minute training video with Marlee Chamberlain and her student, Gladys Hernandez, was made through LWW cable video and was narrated by Tod Buis
- we obtained grants from WestAmerica Bank, the Ghidotti Foundation, Save Mart Cares and United Way

Bev then introduced our current board members with detail of their respective times served in our organization and in what capacity. A brief background and introduction of our newest board members, Susan Murai, Tod Buis and Nancy Guenther, was made.

An attendance roster maintained by our Program Coordinator, Donna Cobb, was recorded.

Myra Arstein read the minutes of the January 16, 2010, Annual Meeting of Partners in English Language Learning. Joanne Weatherly made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Motion seconded by Margaret Glaeser. Motion passed.

Kathy Mollet, Treasurer, presented the financials, providing a Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison sheet for 2010, a Balance Sheet for 2010, and a Proposed Budget for 2011 providing highlights and caveats: Total expenses for the year were \$21,575.89 which was \$1,123.83 over budget mainly due to the cost of printing of the newsletter, business cards and the new brochure. This was largely offset by income from the new Scrip program which wasn't in the budget, and by grants. Net income was favorable by \$410.18. The Scrip program was summarized and we earned \$1,724.38 with only 9 months participation. More revenue from Scrip is anticipated for the coming year. Individual donations were down slightly last year but grants were up 16% year to year.

Joanne Weatherly introduced the proposed Slate of Officers and Board of Directors and asked for candidates from the audience. Having none, she presented the following members for the term of January 2011 through December 2011 as follows:

Executive Officers

President: Myra Arstein
Vice President: Joanne Weatherly
Secretary: Nancy Guenther
Treasurer: Kathy Mollet

Directors

Louise Beesley
Tod Buis
Judi Kreinick
Susan Murai
Bev Stout

Shari Coats made a motion to accept the Slate of Officers and Board of Directors as presented. Motion seconded by Margaret Glaeser. Motion passed.

PiELL's new officers then introduced themselves.

Note: In 2011, Judi Kreinick, Joanne Weatherly and Bev Stout will be serving year 1 of another 2 year term. Myra Arstein, Louise Beesley, Kathy Mollet, Nancy Guenther, Tod Buis and Susan Murai will be serving year 2 of a 2 year term.

Bev Stout recognized those organizations and individuals who donated in kind services or provided grants to PiELL. Special thanks went out to the Grass Valley School District for donating office space for PiELL, the Ghidotti Foundation, Save Mart, WestAmerica Bank, Trevor Michael of Margarita's where we hold board meetings and hold our annual tutor luncheon, United Way, Lake Wildwood Cable for their assistance in taping our tutor student training video and to David Arstein for all of his hours of computer assistance on our website and other projects.

A tutor recognition luncheon was held in June at Margaritas Restaurant. A tutor-student potluck was held in September at Becky and Al Schulz's house and a holiday party for tutors and board was held at the home of Myra and David Arstein.

Fred Hargesheimer, past President of PiELL and long time supporter passed away in December.

Myra Arstein thanked Bev Stout for her service as Interim President and presented her with a small token of our appreciation.

Recognition was given to all of our tutors and our other volunteers for their many hours of service to our organization and to Donna Cobb for her commitment to our organization well beyond the hours paid for her services.

Bev Stout noted that our numbers for both students and tutors are generally up when compared to the previous 5 years and distributed Nevada County census data with a comparison of 2000 vs 2010. There has been an increase of 2.3% in Hispanic (5.7% vs 8.0%) and a .6% increase in Asian residents (0.8% vs 1.4%). While our numbers are still small compared to the rest of California, this increase has presumably led to an increase in the need for our services.

There being no further business, the annual meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Guenther
Secretary
Partners in English Language Learning