RCEI Governing Board Meeting Minutes 7/18/11

Meeting called to order 1730.

Present: Sheryl Claftin (SC), Joe Bognar (JB), Rick Jacobs (RJ), Mike Steiner (MS),

Ashly Steinke (AS), Andrea Beach (AB-arriving at 1858)

Absent: Dale Hanson (DH).

Meeting Agenda Items:

#1. Approve previous board minutes:

Motion made by JB and seconded by AS to approve minutes.

Unanimous approval.

#2. Meeting Agenda reviewed:

RJ moves to approve and seconded by JB.

Unanimous approval.

#3. Public comments: None

#4. Budget and Expenditures:

There are no expenditures for this month.

MS to send sign design to RJ by 7/21/11 and RJ will get bid.

#5. Membership Drive:

JB will send letters to student prospectus.

Open House planned for late August. Date TBD.

Board Members to contact couple people each.

#6. Grant Meeting:

Grant was approved contingent on follow up by MS.

Primary goal is expansion for 2012-2013.

A teacher from a current school will spend 30 school days as a consultant in 2011-2012. Superintendent will be informed monthly of school activities.

#7. Handbook:

JB and RJ will have this complete by 8/20/11.

#8. Marketing:

Need biographies and photos of several board members for web site.

(AB assumed taking minutes at this point in meeting @1858)

#9. Items to be accomplished:

30 days of cirriculum to be planned.

Furniture and equipment coming.

MS to orders books. Discussion of local vs. web purchase.

Discussion regarding curriculum idea- JB suggests hosting student for Honey Extraction Exhibit. Equipment and PPE discussed for this type of field work. This

leads into discussion regarding risks with field trips (injury such as allergic reaction ect).

AB will start to assemble a expanded first aid kit for field trips.

#10. Training:

MS will attend training at The Aldo Leopold Center in August.

#11. Strategic Planning:

MS will forward Bard member comments to Deb.

Next Meeting: 8/16/2011 @1730.