

MYST Parent Meeting
December 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Erik Bengston, Sue Bengston, Frankie Boxer, Kelli Collins, Robert Council, Gary Oxendale, Julie Resterhouse and Mike Resterhouse. Anna Hunt, Richard Riopelle and Chad Veldhouse provided their input and vote via proxy.

Minutes: Minutes from October 2008 and November 2008 meetings were reviewed. One correction was noted: the board previously approved to repair the timing clock at the Muskegon High School pool, not replace it as was written in the November minutes.

Motion: Moved by Frankie Boxer to accept the minutes as corrected.

Motion Carried.

Team Logo: Results from parent and swimmer voting on the team logo options were reviewed. Logo #3 received the most votes.

Motion: Moved by Erik Bengston to adopt logo #3 as the official MYST logo.

Motion Carried.

Travel Banner: Designs submitted by a graphic artist were reviewed. Discussion on elements of each and incorporation of 4 core values of YMCA into design. Ideas were sent back to the artist for final rendering. A finished final banner will hopefully be ready for travel by the Flint Invitational in January.

USA Swimming: Motion: Moved by E. Bengston to complete and submit for approval an application to USA Swimming to be recognized as a USA team. **Motion Carried.**

A subcommittee consisting of Mike Resterhouse, Richard Riopelle, Margie Collison and Vicki Arvia will work to complete this during the 2008-2009 swim season, with the goal of being a recognized team by the fall of 2009.

Holiday Party: Frankie Boxer reported that the December 19 party will be from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Y. Baked potatoes/soup will be offered and everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share. Activities will include crafts,

door prizes, gift bags games, Y Swim with Santa, and open pool time. Call Frankie with any donation you may have for the event.

Mile Marathon: The event is planned for Saturday, January 3, 2009 at the Y. This will be an overnight for swimmers 10 and older, younger only if a parent attends. All overnight swimmers will need a signed permission slip. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the doors will be locked at 11:00 p.m. Parents should pick up at 7 a.m. on Sunday. Sponsorship forms will be available at the December 13 meet and at the Holiday Party. Anyone willing to help assist in planning the event, please come to a meeting on Friday, December 12 at 4:30 p.m. at the Y.

Treasurer's Report: The team's current balance is \$7,768.22. This is \$415 more than last year's ending balance. From the proceeds of concessions, The Pentathlon and sales, the team has acquired approximately \$1500 in training equipment and \$615 in ribbons for this year and next year.

Volunteers: Discussion centered on the best way to increase participation of volunteers. Suggestions included adding a \$100 fee at the beginning of the season to be returned after fulfilling the volunteer requirements, requiring all parents to commit to their share of volunteer hours at the beginning of the season, and providing a paid YMCA membership to a parent/family who would successfully act as a Volunteer Coordinator. Discussion to be continued at the January 12, 2009 meeting.

YMCA Official's Training: The trainer will be available to come to Muskegon in mid-January to conduct the YMCA Training for interested parents to be an official at YMCA meets. This class is free to anyone who volunteers to officiate. After the class, students will take an open book test. Contact Mike Resterhouse to be included in this training.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Susan Strobel (Gary Oxendale)