

MINUTES MARCH 2011 BOARD MEETING BEN DAVIS LIONS CLUB

Attending the March 2011 Board Meeting of the Ben Davis Lions Club were the following Lions: Dave Carter, Don Clendenen, Phil Cole, Greg Dodds, Jim Graves, Mike Honeyman, Tim McDonough, Don Mullen, Luther Searfoss, Marilyn Smith, Marty Spencer, Keith Tharp and Bill Uhrig

The meeting started at 7:05pm, with President Marty calling for the treasurer's report.

Treasurer's report was approved. The breakdown on Pancake Breakfast was given.

Secretary minutes from the last board meeting were available. Tim made a motion to accept the report with second by Don M. Motion passed.

Bill said the pre-sale tickets for the April breakfast are still being printed, this time we get donors and corporate sponsor's tickets along with the regular tickets.

President Marty read thank you letter from the Eye and Tissue bank and from cancer Control for our donations made to them. He also read a letter from the Indy Center Twp wh0 is having a St. Patty's dinner on Monday March 14th cost at door \$7.00.

President Marty also said that a long term car specialist wants to come and speak to the group. He announced the clean up day at Camp Woodsmoke will be April 2 and April 9.

New Business –

Marty told the club about a request sent to several Lions about a donation for the 10U Baseball Team Don C. made a motion to give \$400 for that amount we would get our logo on a banner, name on t-shirts and a 8X10 plaque with team picture. Keith seconded the motion. This was passed.

Another request that came from Roby elementary school to help sponsor some students for an educational trip to china was read, Motion made by Marty to give \$100 with Don C seconded the motion. This also passed.

Marilyn told the club of the certificate that was received by GFS, for the amount spent at GFS this past year. This certificate will be given to Ralph for the next time he goes to purchase items for a breakfast.

Marty discussed a car show he would like to have this year. He said that maybe we could have a car show at the Clermont Park on June 5th, which on June 4th they will have 7-800 people there for an event. After much

discussion it was decided that we needed to plan for the show and try to have it in 2012. A cruise-in was discussed but no one thought that was a good idea. Don M said we needed to plan for the car show and do it right. Marty will check with Ken Mosier to see when he could get Clermont, and us together to discuss exactly what the specifics would be.

Jim G Said he had 3 applications for students from Finland but needed host families for July 1-29. He has the background information if anyone was interested; he tries to keep the kids locally. When you host you get them involved with other Lions.

Keith said there was a situation with Lynhurst Community center of which their boiler failed. He was wondering if the Club could help out at this time in place of our yearly donation. Last year we gave the \$750. Marty suggested \$500 up front. A motion was made by Bill that we give \$200 now and spread it out as we need to be careful and pro-rate what we spend. Jim G. seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lion Mike H was to write the check and give to Lion Keith.

Dave Carter Stated that we have 27 applications for the scholarship and will make copies and give to the members of the scholarship committee.

Gregg Brought in a drinking glass with a Lions Logo to be raffled off Thursday when the District Governor visits.

Tim April is coming up soon we will have Car Wash tickets to sell, he said that Al told Tim if the club wanted to break a deal he would buy 50 tickets. We will see what we have left and decide what to do with the left overs after the April sales. Keith asked if we could get 8 X 11 posters made up for the Car Wash Tickets.

Don C wants the Lions to go and asked for old keys as he will take them and sell them for money for our admin fund.

Luther Happy to be back but said that when Rose had her surgery they damaged her vocal cords.

Marty said he had a woman that wanted to join the club but con not attend all meetings because of her work, but wants to go on an eye glass mission.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

Respectfully submitted;
Lion Marilyn Smith, Secretary

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Subject: Sponsorship request

Date: Thu, Feb 24, 2011 2:45 pm

Ben Davis Youth Baseball 10U Baseball Team

Dear Ben Davis Lions:

I am writing you concerning our Ben Davis Giants 10 year old baseball team that plays at the Ben Davis Youth Baseball Facility at the corner of 21st Street and Girls School Road. We are in the process of looking forward to the 2011 season after a very successful 2010 season in which we won 2 tournaments, finished runner-up in our fall league and learned a lot about playing as a team and now, we need your help. We don't get any funding from the township and all fees are paid out of pocket or by the fundraising/sponsorships we do. We plan to play even more this year than last year. We are currently having indoor winter practices. Then in the spring, we will play games to help us improve before our tournaments in the summer and fall. This will also be our first year to play in District Tournaments. If we play well enough and win our district, we will have to travel to southwestern Indiana around Evansville for the State Tournament. We have a limited budget in which we use to purchase uniforms and tournament fees and to help with travel costs for the families. We are looking for area organizations to help us out with the process of raising additional funds to allow us to participate in various other tournaments over the spring and summer. The ways you can help us out are:

- Monetary Donations are always welcome in any amount. (Any amount helps, \$25, \$50, etc.):
 - a. **\$400** - Organization name on jersey, plus an 8x10 plaque with team picture as well as the company name/logo on a 2'x4' banner which is displayed at all locations we play.
 - b. **\$200** - 8x10 plaque with team picture as well as company name/logo placed on a 2'x4' banner which is displayed at all locations we play.

We would like to Thank You for taking time to read and consider our request. Any information or suggestions you have that might help us in achieving our goals would be greatly appreciated and we hope to hear from you soon with a positive response to our request. We are a non-profit and will provide tax id number with donation. You can always reply by email to Stephen.rowsell@gmail.com or by phone or mail listed below.

Thanks,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing you to let you know of a wonderful opportunity! Students and staff from Robey Elementary School are planning to participate to an educational tour to **China** in October 2011! We'll spend a total number of **10** days together in **Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, and Hangzhou** learning all about the culture and history of the region. Here are some of the really exciting activities that are planned for us on our tour:

We will tour Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai and Hangzhou. In Beijing, we will visit the Summer Palace, walk on the Great Wall, and see the Temple of Heaven. When in Xi'an, the group will visit the Big Goose Pagoda and the famous Terra Cotta Warriors, The highlight of our trip will be spending time at Tianchang Primary, our sister school. Our students will have the opportunity to reunite with the friends they made in August, when we hosted 18 students and 3 staff members from Tianchang

In order to take part in this really unique and life-changing experience, we need to raise approximately **\$2,500.00 per student**. Please consider helping us cover this cost by sponsoring a portion of the trip. Our students are saving money, planning fundraising events, and working hard to pay for their expenses, but any contribution you could make would bring the students that much closer to this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. If you would be so kind, please send your contribution to:

**Robey Elementary School
C/O China Trip
8700 West 30th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46234**

Thanks so much for considering. Call or email me if you have any questions or want to hear more about this really great learning opportunity. EF Educational Tours is the student travel company organizing our trip. They have great website: www.eftours.com

Thanks again!

**Kyle Fessler, Principal
317-243-5712**

Yes, I will help sponsor this trip for:

___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 Other Amount \$ ___

Sponsor's Name (please print)

Please attach a check made payable to me: **Robey Elementary C/O China Trip**
Mail it to the school at 8700 West 30th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46234

This gift of education is tax deductible. Upon receipt of your donation, a tax deductible form will be sent to you for your tax purposes.

If you wish to speak with my trip organizer, please contact:(Mrs. Neal, Robey Elementary, 317-227-4866 or email at stacy.neal@wayne.k12.in.us)



To Whom It May Concern:

The sister school partnership between Robey Elementary School and Tianchang Primary School, in Hangzhou, China, began in September, 2009. Tianchang's principal, Mr. Lou Zhaohui visited Indianapolis for three days. During that visit, Mr. Lou and Robey Principal Kyle Fessler toured Indianapolis and spent time at Robey Elementary. Mr. Lou was introduced to students in each classroom and attended a musical reception in his honor.



In October 2009, Mr. Fessler and two Robey teachers, Carolanne Benson and Stacy Neal, traveled to China. The trip was organized through Global Indiana. Global Indiana is an avenue for Indiana educators to access information about opportunities available for world travel, global education, and partnerships with schools abroad. The Robey group visited Beijing, Shanghai, and Hangzhou. During their time at Tianchang Primary, the Robey teachers visited classrooms, addressed the students, and taught a lesson in a Grade 4 English class.



After the trip, dialogue continued between the two schools. Robey sent a formal invitation for staff and students from Tianchang to visit Indianapolis. The invitation was accepted, and in August 2010 eighteen students and three teachers from Tianchang visited Indianapolis for a week. A reception was held to welcome the Chinese students and introduce them to their host families. The Tianchang students and Robey students attended school together each day. Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Neal developed a special English Language curriculum and delivered lessons to the Tianchang students every day.



Events were planned outside of school, too. The students took a walking tour of Downtown Indianapolis, where they had a chance to meet Governor Mitch Daniels and Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman. The Tianchang and Robey students attended an Indianapolis Indians baseball game, and the Indiana State Fair. The children became more than acquaintances; they became friends.



The sister school partnership continues to grow stronger. As many as 18 students, 10 parents, and 8 staff members from Robey are planning a trip to China in October, 2011. The group from Robey will tour Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai and Hangzhou. In Beijing, we will visit the Summer Palace, walk on the Great Wall, and see the Temple of Heaven. When in Xi'an, the group will visit the Big Goose Pagoda and the famous Terra Cotta Warriors. Many of the Robey students who hosted Tianchang students will be included in the delegation. The children will renew their friendship by staying in the homes of the students who visited Indiana in August.



Educational travel is a key component of a globally-focused curriculum. The opportunity to witness new cultures first hand and experience history personally and not from a text book is an opportunity that can only enhance a student's enthusiasm for learning. The goal of this partnership is for students to have the opportunity to gain understanding of the world beyond their neighborhood, community, and country. Having personal relationships with people from foreign countries enhances the children's global view.

We have chosen to partner with EF Educational Tours for our trip abroad – EF has over 40 years of experience in student travel and offers our students the lowest



possible prices. Despite all this, it is still going to be difficult for many students to afford a trip of this magnitude. This letter goes out to you, as a local business owner and community member, to ask for your support of their mission.

Our collective goal is to raise funds to reduce the cost of the trip for the students. We greatly appreciate any donation you are willing to contribute. Every \$25, \$50 or \$100 adds up! Our group will be working hard all year to raise funds for this trip and we thank you for your support.

We really appreciate your assistance and thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions about our organization, our fundraising goals, or the benefits of educational travel, please feel free to contact me via kyle.fessler@wayne.k12.in.us or at 317-243-5712

Robey Elementary has a population of 763 students, consisting of 63% white, 26% black, 4% multi-racial, 4% Latino, and 3% Asian. Robey has the fewest students who receive free/reduced lunches and the second lowest mobility in the district. The school is located at 8700 West 30th Street in the northwest part of Wayne Township in the town of Clermont. Opened in 1956, the school has 38 classrooms, two computer labs, media center, gymnasium, and art, and a music room. It also contains a cafeteria, speech room, counseling office, resource room, and a large group instruction room. Robey is fortunate to have an active parent partnership. Parents and family members volunteer in our HOSTS Mentoring Program, Lead Math Pentathlon Teams, and volunteer daily in classrooms. The PTO provided resources for our teachers and opportunities for our students. Our All Pro Dad program brings fathers and children together for breakfast on the last Friday of each month. Each month, over 100 fathers have participated. Additionally, two local churches provide school supplies and volunteers for our students.

WHITE	481	61.82%
BLACK	202	25.96%
FREE / REDUCED LUNCH	253/75	32.51%/9.64%
HISPANIC	37	4.75%
ENL	53	6.81%
SPECIAL EDUCATION	52	6.68%

Again, thank you for your time and interest in the Robey Elementary/Tianchang Primary sister school partnership.

Kyle Fessler

Mr. Kyle Fessler,
Principal