IASFAA Community Outreach Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2009

Des Moines, IA

In attendance: Jennifer Schroeder, Erin Schwartz, Suzanne Lowman, Erin Gjerde-Bailey, Karla Gilson, Kristi Fuller, Carol Bogaard

1. Reality Store-
   1. Thursday, October 8 Woodbury Central 9th grade class, approximately 100 students
      1. Jennifer needs to make more contact with the principal of the school to ensure they are willing to participate after a difficult start with the school
      2. Possibly meet in person to discuss logistics of day
      3. Divide kids into groups of 20-25, each group will take about an hour – we need to find out if they use block scheduling
      4. Do they have tables and chairs available for our use
      5. Erin S will try to get contact information for WCHS principal
   2. Supplies
      1. Bags
         1. Iowa Student Loan has 180-190 bags
         2. Karla has 45 bags
         3. Jennifer has 17 bags
         4. Total bag – 242-252 bags
      2. Pens – 92
      3. Pencils – 42, Karla has a bunch as well
      4. Calculators – 30
         1. We decided to place a few calculators at each table and ask the class to bring their own calculators
      5. We will put pens, pencils, the Course to College and the Planning for our Future brochures and candy in the bags this year
      6. We will ask the Commission if it would be possible to supply highlighters for the bags as well, if not we won’t supply highlighters
   3. Forms
      1. Jennifer will try to update current forms given to students to make the career/family information and check register fit on one page
      2. Continue to assignment careers and have students randomly select family status information
      3. We will try to update salary information and cost of living information – Suzanne will check to see if ICAN has that information available
   4. We will try to start soliciting volunteers now. Jennifer will put a message out to the listserv soon, Carol will mention at the NW Iowa Area Roundtable meeting to the schools in the area. We will try to get 40 volunteers
2. Other Events
   1. We will continue with the College for a Day experience at DMACC Ankeny and Mid American Youth Homes
   2. We will continue promoting February as Financial Aid Awareness Month through a Proclamation signed by the Governor (Carol will talk with Tracy about making sure this is done in Spring of 2010) and the competition among schools for the coveted Frieda Award
   3. We will try to work with the Boys and Girls Club again – change format to more of a Q & A Session
   4. We will volunteer if needed for College Goal Sunday in Spring 2010
   5. Suzanne has volunteered to be the contact on our committee to represent IASFAA at the monthly JumpStart meetings. Suzanne and Karla will take turns attending meeting and if they are not able to attend a meeting will ask for another committee member to attend in their place