



Royal Oak Model UN Advisory Council Minutes

June 3, 2008

1) Welcome – Steve Chisnell

i. Members Present:

Melanie Adams, Steve Chisnell, Erika Lessien, Diane Lawniczak, Sam Lynch,
Domenic Smith, Allison Adams, Beverly Gay-Photiades, Alec Snyder

2) ROMUN Overview -- Melanie

- a. Fundraisers
- b. Conferences
- c. Advisory Council – establishment
- d. Banquet

Domenic Smith – in-coming Sec. Gen.

- plans for next year: work on extending relationship w/MS, continue fundraising activities, selected national conference: National High School conference in NYC
- WOAK TV show for the fall of '08

3) Robert Leona Gay Model UN Scholarship Fund estb. 4/24/08 Bd. Mtg. accepted

- application process
- meeting the fall to decide where these funds go; Advisory Council determines the allocation of funds
 - i. once a year; with the understanding of revisiting student need as special circumstances arise
 - ii. fundraisers to replenish the fund – targeting current club fundraisers already in place -- Target a particular fundraiser and market it as the “Scholarship Fund Fundraiser” – Mongolian BBQ
 - iii. Sponsorship program – add a category for the scholarship fund
 - iv. Career Fair [Nov. 7]
 - v. donations from businesses will help to keep the funds up
 - \$1500 for the initial release in the fall of 2009

4) Model UN Course Outline

- Overview of units of the course
 - guest-speakers, site visits, partnerships, presentations, activism and awareness
 - Process needed for lining up contacts, speakers, businesses, YLP, Michigan Coalition of HR ; pooling resources & contacts will be a function of the Advisory Council
 - Advocacy emphasis will be a part of the class
 - Visually display the contacts on the Ad-Council website

5) Plan of Work

- Where the Ad-Council will assist the club
 - parents of younger students to assist the Ad-Council longer term
 - connections with other groups: Rotary, RO Public Library, Kiwanis
 - parents needed to do the auction fundraiser properly—determine early in the school year to commit to the solicitation [Melanie & Dominic shared what the club learned from the spring Auction fundraiser; revisit the utility of the auction as a fundraiser]
 - parent potluck dinner earlier in the school year to inform parents
 - parent newsletter earlier in the year to inform parents
 - develop partnership contacts and forge a relationship with the contacts; cement a solid relationship through reciprocity with the help of the parental involvement
 - an organic development for the role of the club

6) Agenda for fall meeting

- Tentative Date – Nov. 3, 2008
- Course Proposal status update
- “Dates to Remember” update
- Scholarship Applications