

I wanted to follow-up on the phone-a-thon and give everyone an update. I have to thank every one of my committee members for the wonderful job they did.

Everyone pulled their weight and because of all the hard work the event was fun, informative, productive, and ran smoothly. An event does not just happen like that, it happens through all the phone calls, computer work, back and forth with our sponsors, contacting people for the FAQ's, drumming up volunteers, coordinating, showing up on time, all of those things. So way to go!!!!!!!

We made approximately 3325 phone calls over three nights, we had 83 phone callers, 5 special guests and 4 site directors, that is a total of 92 people that showed up to give their support of the new school. We are so thankful to Pam Dantzler and Robert Brittingham for supporting us every night and answering probably a hundred questions. We are so glad that James Colbert, Linda Mosley and Larry Henry also came out to show their support.

I think we succeeded in our goals:

1. To get our volunteers up to speed.
2. To reach out to the students to inform them of pre-registration (every student family had an attempted call, message or discussion).
3. To reach out to the community at large (1875 phone calls reaching out to the community were made).
4. And to kick-off the upcoming year before the new school opens. One bonus was that the phone-a-thon helped to spur the revision of our website which looks great. A Big thank you to Susan Crum.

There are a few loose ends to tie up. A huge Thank you goes to T-Mobile. We could not have asked for a more professional, energetic, wonderful place to have our phone-a-thon. They truly went out of their way to help us host a great event. The security guards, their 3 site coordinators and Dale Jones (HR director) were fantastic and so helpful. We should be so proud that we have an organization like this in our community. We looked really cool with those headsets!!

I wanted to say a special thank you to Vicki Boring- because she really put a lot of manual hours as well as brain hours (she has a really smart brain) into our event and without her it would not have happened. Also a special thanks to our four volunteer coordinators: Kari Martin, Michelle Williams, Prudence Giles, and Jessica Stamper. It is an incredible feat to get 82 volunteers to commit to 2 and 1/2 hours on a school night - unbelievable. I also wanted to thank Primrose of East Brainerd. They donated \$1000 dollars worth of shirts. Each volunteer, sponsor and special guest received one and then that gives us 100 to sell for profit.

Curtis Smith, Celeste and Jim Ward, Tasha Curry, Michelle Apps, Lesa Smith, Dan Walsh, Bill McGinnis, Al Clark, Cheryl Clark, Michele White, Leah McDonough, Pam Tuttle, Susan Crum, Susan Pauls, Julie Carden, and to all of our phone volunteers, THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!

- Ashlie Henderson