RAMFAM Association Meeting Minutes
February ♥, 2009 – 10:00-noon – Student Recreation Center-Horsetooth Lounge

Members Present: Lynda Zeringue, Laura Huff, Cecelia Luhrs, Judy Sayre Grim, Glenna Brissey, Ed & Linda Carpenter, Jody Donovan, Kacee Collard
Members Present via Dial-In: none

- Lynda gave an update on the Development & Fundraising Committee meeting. See attached minutes for more information.

- Glenna and Judy gave positive comments on the Spring Ram Welcome dessert gathering for parents and families of new and transfer students on January 15, 2009. They were joined at the event by their students, Megan and Alex, who provided a student perspective for new parents and families.

- Due to scheduling conflicts, we will be hosting Dr. Frank, Interim CSU President, on Saturday, April 4, 2009. RAMFAM members engaged in dialogue about how to promote the event to all parents and families:
    - Send out e-mail reminders 2 weeks out and the week of the meeting
    - Mail a postcard reminder to all parents and families within a 50 mile radius of CSU
    - Film the session and post it on the CSU Parents and Family website
    - Send out a reminder on Today @ Colorado State asking students to notify their parents and family members
- Jody also asked members to bring prepared questions. If you have a question and cannot attend the meeting, please feel free to send the question to kacee.collard@colostate.edu and we will compile a list of questions. The questions and answers will be posted on the CSU Parents and Family website after the meeting.

- Relating to general meeting attendance, members suggested highlighting two meetings per academic year to host the larger parent and family population (Homecoming & Family Weekend and a weekend to be determined in the spring semester) and using the monthly meetings for work groups to manage RAMFAM Association business. Members asked for a monthly speaker - either student leaders or offices across the institution to inform parents and families. They also asked to split the time each meeting between a speaker and work groups for each committee.

- Jody asked for feedback related to this edition of the Parent and Family calendar. Members commented:
    - Keep the boxes with the actual dates the same size – it is nice to have room to write events and appointments on each day
    - Shrink picture size to add information on sponsored businesses
    - Perhaps add an additional page with cut-out coupons from RAMFAM friendly businesses
    - Utilize Campus of Character boxes for business advertisements
    - Include a list of all RAMFAM friendly businesses
    - Include Housing Fair dates in future issues
    - Include the dates flu shots and meningitis shots are offered on campus
    - Include a page with a breakdown of student fees

- o Utilize the alcohol information page more effectively - include information on Hartshorn Health Services/University Counseling Center – hours, services, walk-in opportunities, mental health services, counseling services, etc

- Jody asked for ideas for future newsletter topics
  - o Student employment on campus – if students want a job next fall, start looking now! Also, how to think "outside of the box" for employment opportunities
    - Maybe highlight current student examples?
  - o Highlight the Career Center moving into the Lory Student Center

- Members expressed interest in participating in [CSUnity](), which will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009. This is an opportunity to give back to the Fort Collins community in an organized service event. The time commitment would be from 7:30 am – 3:30 pm. This time period includes registration and travel. More information will be included in the March Parent and Family newsletter. If you are interested in participating, please send an e-mail to kacee.collard@colostate.edu by March 20, 2009.

- The March 7, 2009 meeting has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict, so the next RAMFAM Association meeting will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009 on campus. We will be hosting President Frank in the Long's Peak Room of the Student Recreation Center. Look for more details soon!