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**Minutes
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Location

The first meeting of KOMAC for the 2008/2009 school year was held at Macaroni Grill on November 8, 2008. After an incredible lunch and some great networking, the meeting was called to order by President Sasamon Parker at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present

Members present at the meeting included:

Steve Althaus, Forest Hills	Richard Beyer, Holland
Pat Brinks, Kenowa Hills	Julietta Brothers, East Kentwood
Becky Buyze, East Kentwood	Brenda Clark, Jenison
Rachel Cobb, Thornapple Kellogg	Mary Cody, Rockford
Deanne Crowley, Lowell	Helene Dallas, Grand Rapids
Carol Deuling-Ravell,	Jim Groendyke, Horizons
Sandy Harbottle, Hamilton	Dave Hemingway, Grand Rapids
Mary Jordan, Hudsonville	Jerry Keron, Caledonia
Cory Mannaberg, East Kentwood	Rich Moll, Greenville
Jane Neumeg, Wyoming	Sasamon Parker, Muskegon ISD
Maggie Reeder, Byron Center	Kimberly Rohr, Kentwood
Barb Schepel, Careerline	Kris Underhill, Allendale
Cheryl VanderMolen, Grand Rapids	Shawn Veenstra, Wyoming
Kevin Wiersma, Careerline	

Business

Welcome

Sasamon welcomed all of the members and introduced herself as President, Kevin Wiersma as Treasurer, and Mary Cody as Secretary.

Congratulations to KOMAC on its 40th anniversary! Jim Groendyke started KOMAC forty years ago, November, 1968. Congratulations to Jim and Richard Beyer for making a contribution to work study education and KOMAC for 40 years!

Guest Speaker

Anna Kruse from Workpaths was our guest speaker. With funding from Michigan Works!, Workpaths matches businesses with students to offer work based experiences including internships, job shadows, work place tours, career speakers and more! Anna would be happy to talk to our members about this program and can be reached at 616-334-3386, workpaths2@yahoo.com or visit the web site workpaths.com

Risk Management Conference

The Risk Management Conference was held in Lansing on October 28 and 29, 2008. PowerPoints, handouts, and highlights from the event can be found at the MCPA website <http://www.edzone.net/mcpa/>

Career Education Conference

The Career Education Conference will be held February 8 – 10 at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. The theme of this conference is “Mapping to College and Career”. There is a call for presentations out now! If you are interested in presenting or registering, you can visit

http://cps.ferris.edu/portal/content.asp?sapp=fsu_cps&s=&tid=1

Register early so you don't miss this one!

Summer Conference

The summer conference will once again be held at beautiful Crystal Mountain from June 15-17. For further information, contact Spike Fuehr at fuehr@fvl.k12.mi.us

Web Site Suggestions

Rich Moll is doing an amazing job designing and maintaining our web site! If you have any suggestions for the web site, or any materials you would like to see included on it, please contact Rich at mollr@greenville.k12.mi.us. Also, visit our site at www.careerscopes.org/komac. There is a bunch of great information there! Thanks Rich!

Membership Encouragement!

We would like to make sure that all School to Career coordinators know about our meetings and feel welcome. Please welcome our colleagues to join us at our next meeting, which will be held in the spring! The recruiting brochure is attached!

Next Meeting

Thanks to Sasamon for an excellent first meeting, and for the bag of goodies! Thanks to all who took the time to attend our meeting, showing a determination to making work based learning successful and meaningful for our students

Our next meeting will be held in March or April. Sam's Joint in Coopersville was suggested as a convenient location for our members. They also have a separate room available, which will make for a quieter environment. Further information will be forthcoming!

Treasurer's Report

Kevin Wiersma reported a balance of \$601. Jim Groendyke motioned to accept the treasurer's report; Jerry Keron seconded the motion and it passed. Jim Groendyke made a motion to keep the dues at \$1 at the current time; Rich Moll seconded, and the motion passed.

Closing

The 50/50 raffle was awarded and Sasamon adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.