



Item # 12-08

VERMILION RIVER BRANCH
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February 5, 2009

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

We have held two executive meeting on December 1 and February 2.
We have audited the books during the February 2, 2009 meeting.
The Branch Social evening on November 22, 2008, went over very well. There were 21 members attending. All Members had a good time and expressed a desire to have more such evenings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The branch Presidents visit and AGM is planned for March 5, 2009.
The branch is planning to continue with the Science Olympics events that were such a success last year. Last year the two Junior High Schools held a Science Olympics Event Day instead of a Science Fair, one school was in February, and the other was in March. The events were well attended by students and APEGGA volunteers. The dates for these events have not been picked yet but we will need to confirm with the schools that they will be doing this event again this school year.
The branch is planning to hold a PD day on May 7, 202009 09, speakers and topics to be determined.
The branch is planning for a tour of The Canadian Salt Company Limited, Lindbergh Facility in the spring of 2009.
The branch is planning a Golf Tournament for June 18, 2009.

BRANCH OPERATIONS

Supporting APEGGA Vision/Mission via Branch Terms of Reference

The Branch's 2008/2009 Business Plan calls for increased involvement in areas relating to Member Involvement, Public Awareness, and Promote Science & Technology to Students. These areas are addressed with the following action plans and committees.

Member Involvement

A Member Social event was held with great success. This event was well received. Members present expressed a desire to hold more such events and will spread the word. Future events will drive the member social campaign to plan more events such as poker tournaments, paintball days, or bowling nights as participation demonstrates member benefit. The annual PD Day is planned for May 7, 2009 and this committee is headed by C. Ketchum.

Public Awareness

The Committee of S. Dieken and D. Wiltermuth will promote and review the 2009 Teacher Awards Nominations to choose a winner for the Vermilion River Branch, and arrange an evening celebration for the award recipient. The branch responds to requests for volunteers as needed in the Branch.

Promote Science & Technology to Students

A group headed by D. Wilermuth is investigating the potential for holding the Science Olympics at the two Lloydminster Junior High Schools this February/March 2009. S. Dieken will continue to promote and present awards for excellence in Math and Science at the Junior High School level in the Vermilion River Branch Schools.

SUMMARY

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The Branch is financially sound.
The branch does not have a Treasurer.