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Board Meeting
July 22, 2014

Present: Lesley Chester, John Weinand, Julie Friese, Joyce Eissinger, Norma Timmons, Renee Lips-Bush, Laurie Gauer, Joan Cummings, Ginger Gregory, Danelle Simenson, Mary Jorissen

Absent: Beth Klehr, Russ St. John, Brian McMenamin, Darren Kermes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:35

Mary move, Laurie second – Unanimously Approved

2. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mary move, Laurie second – Unanimously Approved

3. APPROVAL OF JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Mary move, Laurie second – Unanimously Approved

4. FINANCE REPORT

Transition to the SWMetro providing all accounting responsibilities will occur at the end of this month. MAP will provide the June financial duties and the June report, and gather the information they need to begin the work on the 990. When all is completed Lesley will meet with Julia to get the laptop.

5. UPDATE ON GOOD TO GO KIDS

We continue to receive a few donations for Good to Go Kids, and will prepare 3 checks that have been requested.

6. SCHOLARSHIPS

Continuation of Discussion of Scholarship Donations – Currently \$585.00 has been donated for the Diane Grunewald memorial scholarship. The application process to access this scholarship will be the same in format as the other scholarships available, but will be specific to a DHH student in the SWMetro Educational Cooperative member school districts (all districts in Carver and Scott County plus Tri-City United). Chris Hansen, supervisor of the DHH Programs will continue to work with the family and communicate with Lesley.



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7. GALA 2014 MARK YOUR CALENDARS – October 10th at Hazeltine
Sponsorships - We have two \$500 sponsorships from Melchert and a new one from Bercom International. Please provide Lesley with business names and addresses of places you think would be good to solicit for auction items. Board member knowledge and connections with businesses in Scott and Carver County would be especially helpful to share. Lesley has sent several requests for an Emcee and is following up but one is not secured at this time. Ginger suggested we contact Randy Shaver at Channel 11 – he was a good friend of Diane Grunewald and he may be interested in participating. Joyce will ask Darren to contact him.

Auction - Help is needed in mailing out the auction item requests. Let Lesley know if you are available to take a stack of letters and materials to hand address and mail out. Danelle offered to help with this.

Speakers – The board discussed several names of potential speakers. There have been moving testimonials this spring at the graduations and the scholarship application interviews. Mary suggested a student who graduated this spring, and a parent spoke at the SW High School graduation in June who would be excellent. Mary will connect with the student and Renee will contact the parent. A video was done of Shaitty's story before she left for the service so that is available as well. Joyce, Renee, and Mary will work on getting potential speakers, but Lesley will be involved in the final selection.
 8. OTHER COMMITTEE UPDATES
Fundraising – nothing to report
Marketing – there is a tab on the SWMetro website to access the Foundation information. It is live but is still a work in progress. Gala forms should be current.
www.swmetro.k12.mn.us
 9. SWMEC AND SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS
SWMEC School Board – nothing to report, the board does not meet in June or July
SWMEC Teachers/Executive Director - nothing to report
 10. UPDATE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUTIES
Financials are current
Scholarships – one recipient called asking about the process to get his check. Lesley has sent that information in a letter but will contact him to clarify.
Check Requests – complete
Gala 2014 – ongoing
 11. OTHER
August Board Meeting - meeting members of the SWMetro Educational Cooperative administration team will be present and will provide an overview of the Cooperative. This may be redundant for some, but there are new board members



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who could benefit from the overview. The bus tour to visit all SWMetro sites is scheduled for September 16th and all board members are invited to participate. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Dinner following the August meeting has been a tradition so please let Lesley know if you will go to Dangerfield's after the next meeting.

12. ADJOURN Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 26th at 4:30 p.m.