

PANA EDUCATION FOUNDATION MEETING
March 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 a.m. in the Board Room at the Superintendent's office by Chairperson, Rebecca Carter-Beeson

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Dennis Ishmael
Anne Dorn
Tom Morrell
Jay Dunseth
Al Stupek (arrived at 7:10 a.m.)

ABSENT:

Mike Cothorn

Superintendent Lett was present.

No Visitors

Review/Approval of Minutes:

The February Minutes were unanimously approved on motion made by Jay Dunseth and seconded by Dennis Ishmael.

The Treasurer's Report:

Total checkbook balance is \$87,228.40.

Two outstanding checks and three deposits are not reflected on the report.

Bills to be paid-

1. Holly Billiter monies of \$250.00 for Fall 2015 semester. She graduated in December 2015.

Regarding Business Sponsors, identified on the Donor's List, is currently at \$3,500.00. We have two new sponsors this year – Bill Farr, Attorney at Law and Vision Eyecare (replaces Dr. Wooley's office)

We are currently waiting on two additional Business Sponsor's checks (Bob Crawford and Peoples Bank of Pana). This will bring us to a total of \$4,000.00.

The Treasurer's Report and Bills to be paid were unanimously approved by the Board on a motion made by Dennis Ishmael and seconded by Jay Dunseth.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Scholarship Committee:

Becky Carter- Beeson reported the Scholarship Applications were made available March 1, 2016 and the deadline for returning is May 1, 2016. Working with Jess Miller, we added the application to the website. Two winners will be chosen.

Courtyard Committee:

Tabled

Mini –Grant Committee:

The end of the year presentation will be held May 19th in the afternoon @ the Jr. High.

Publicity Committee:

Three-Point Shot Photo will be taken, possibly March 22. Gayle McRoberts will be scheduling.

Business Sponsorship Showcase:

April 29th – 11:30 -1:00 at the Jr. High

NEW BUSINESS:

Corporate Business Sponsorships:

The Foundation needs to be looking ahead in regards to continued financial support to the District. This school year, the foundation presented \$16,000.00 to the district to support the 1:1 program and going forward we will need to be supporting up to \$24,000.00 annually.

The Corporate Business Sponsorships is an avenue of funds that will allow assistance to the foundation. John McLeod had spoken with Dr. Lett and thought that IP would maybe like to become a Corporate Business Sponsor. The Pana Hospital, GSI and IP were identified as possible Corporate Businesses to call upon. Sloan's, Ameren, Shelby Electric, McDonalds, Pepsi, National Greenhouse Co. and ICTC were also mentioned as possibilities.

The initial thought is to have a \$2,500.00 sponsorship annually; which, would bring approximately \$10,000.00 additional funds to the foundation. The more Corporate Sponsors, the smaller the gap will be. Becky Carter-Beeson offered to work with Dr. Lett on devising a presentation to Corporate Businesses that would be a win-win situation. We would be able to offer advertising for their business. More to be discussed at the April Meeting.

Jesse Miller is in the process of transferring the Pana District's website to a google app and at that time it was discussed that we could promote Corporate Business Sponsor's by adding a link to their website on our website. Target date for this switch is July 1 or earlier.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting on a motion made Jay Dunseth and seconded by Tom Morrell at 7:30 a.m.