

SouthWest Metro Educational Foundation

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 2016 4:30 PM

MINUTES

Present: Lesley Chester, John Weinand, Laurie Gauer, Danelle Simenson, Mary Jorissen, Renee Lips-Bush, Stephanie Erickson, Ginger Gregory, Will Thompson, Tracy Langheinrich

Absent: Beth Klehr, Darren Kermes, Norma Timmons, Joan Cummings, Sara Heitkamp

1. CALL TO ORDER

Presenter: Laurie Gauer

Laurie called the meeting order at 4:33 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

Board Vote Needed

Presenter: Laurie Gauer

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John moved to approve the minutes, Mary second, approved unanimously.

3. RESIGNATION OF RENEE LIPS-BUSH AND APPOINTMENT OF STEPHANIE ERICKSON

Renee has turned in her formal resignation as she and her family are relocating back to Owatonna. She has recruited her replacement. Stephanie Erickson is the special ed teacher at the ALC.

BOARD VOTE - Accept Renee's resignation and approve Stephanie to the board.

Presenter: Laurie Gauer

John moved to accept Renee's resignation and approve Stephanie to the board, Mary second, approved unanimously. Introductions were made as part of welcoming Stephanie to the board.

4. FINANCE REPORT - APPROVAL OF APRIL FINANCIALS

Board Vote Needed

Lesley will have available at the meeting

Presenter: Lesley Chester and John Weinand

John moved to approve April financials, Mary second, approved unanimously.

5. GOOD TO GO KIDS UPDATE

Lesley reported that the only activity was a check for Second Harvest Heartland and a small reimbursement check to Mary Romansky. Mary and Pati will be invited to June's Board/Annual Meeting.

Presenter: Lesley Chester

6. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM GRANTS

BOARD ACTION NEEDED - Approve the applications submitted by the Special Education Programs for a total of \$1,500. We have 5 requests at a total of \$1,733.90.

See Attached Proposals.

Presenter: Laurie Gauer

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The discussion started with whether the board approves the total requested or keep to the \$1,500 limit. The board agreed to keep to the \$1,500 limit. Ginger motioned to propose funding a partial grant to the SteppingStones request and keep the others at the full amount requested, Mary second, approved unanimously. All grantees will need to provide a report and provide photos (through Chelsea).

7. BY LAWS REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Continuing Discussion of the By Laws with follow-up from last board meeting.

Presenter: Laurie Gauer

Discussed and agreed to the description for adding the Emeritus Director to the By Laws. Next steps, Lesley will put the By Laws on Google Docs with Red Line edits to edit prior to the June board meeting. The board discussed prospective Emeritus members.

8. SCHOLARSHIP DISCUSSION AND BREAKFAST

Scholarship Breakfast is Thursday, May 26th from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Set-up will begin at 6:45 a.m.

Please let Lesley know if you will be available to help with set-up and tear-down and will be attending.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM - Should we task the scholarship committee to evaluate the number, type, and size of scholarships we're giving?

Presenter: Lesley Chester

Some discussion included having one increased scholarship from the foundation as the Ron Strand Memorial Scholarship and checking with donors about their preferences to increase scholarships. The scholarship committee will be tasked with this discussion for planning in next fiscal year.

9. UPDATE: SCHOOL BOARD, TEACHERS, ETC.

Update from Teachers - Renee Lips Bush – Busy and Kick Ball moved from last Friday to Thursday May 26th. They are looking for a summer math teacher with posting available on the website. Position goes from June 13 – 30th Monday through Thursday. ALC competed in the E-lympics (trivia contest) and earned first place by a 30 point span.

Update from School Board - John Weinand – Vote to be an Intermediate School District was approved by all member districts. A few districts are approaching SWMetro to join the Intermediate. The SouthWest Metro Intermediate School District 288. Close to signing a lease in St. Bonifacious to provide services. Only a minor logo update. The Jordan site addition opened up.

Update from Co-op Administration - Darren Kermes – Tabled until next month.

10. OTHER

SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday, June 8, 2016 Noon - 2:30 - Teacher Appreciation Lunch

You also saw the Graduation Dates too.

Presenter: Lesley Chester

Lesley also provided a Gala committee update. Tracy provided an update on Gala ticket price increase of \$5.00 or \$10 per ticket. The board agreed it is time to increase the ticket price this year.

11. ADJOURN

Next Meeting is Tuesday, June 28th, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. This will be our annual meeting with a review of Year 1 of our strategic plan.

Presenter: Laurie Gauer

John moved to adjourn, Mary second, approved unanimously.