

SouthWest Metro Educational Foundation

Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 4:30 PM

MINUTES

Present: Lesley Chester, Norma Timmons, Laurie Gauer, Stephanie Erickson, Ginger Gregory, Joyce Eissinger, Danelle Simenson, Michael Sokol, John Weinand, Mary Hanson, Melissa Carlson

Guests: Jennifer Bock, Sue Bill

Absent: Robin Dylla, Shannon Smith, Sara Heitkamp

1. CALL TO ORDER
Presenter: Norma Timmons

Meeting called to order at 4:43pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES
Board Vote Needed
Presenter: Norma Timmons

Board vote to approve August Minutes moved by William Thompson with Laurie Gauer second, followed by unanimous vote.

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3. FINANCE REPORT - REVIEW OF AUGUST FINANCIALS
Presenter: Lesley Chester and Melissa Carlson

Nothing to report for Good to Go Kids. Lesley still to talk with Mary Romansky about Admin Fee.

4. 2018 GALA UPDATE AND ASSIGNMENTS
Presenter: GALA Committee

Lesley reminded everyone to be logging their auction items and attendees. Auction items should be logged by the upcoming weekend at the latest as they go to print on Monday. Live auction items are nearly ready. Discussed making improvements to event check out traffic flow and signage. All board members should be present at 5pm for the board photo.

16 tables have been filled thus far compared to 19 last year. Photo booth is a new activity this year and is needs props in addition. Following the theme this year there will be various golf games; chipping and putting in the form of raffles. \$5 for one ball or \$20 for five balls to win tickets towards cash prizes. 50/50 and heads or tails games will be making a return this year. The bars will be serving signature drinks where \$1 per drink goes straight to the foundation.

Transitions student will be assisting with setup. Meeting time for setup is yet to be determined.

The foundation will be featured on Fox 9 with Dawn Stevens again the morning before the gala. Lesley will reach out to potential candidates for representing the foundation on Fox 9 with William acting as a potential backup.

5. GRANT UPDATE
Presenter: Lesley Chester

The staff have been invited to submit grant requests. They were provided with the application and deadline of October 15th. The board will review and approve requests at the October board meeting.

6. UPDATES FROM TEACHERS AND SCHOOL BOARD

Update from Teachers - Stephanie Erickson
School is back in session. Compared to last year, each program has more students and is still growing. Stephanie has been mentoring the new programs and has reported they are successful thus far.

Update from School Board - John Weinand
A Carver County grant was approved for New Beginnings Plus for providing graduates the opportunity to return back for a get together dinner.

7. OTHER
Presenter: Lesley Chester

Lesley encouraged everybody to be getting auctions items, bottles of wine, and be selling tickets.

The Gala Committee will continue refining the best golf attire contest regarding how to decide winners and entrants, and possible prizes.

8. ADJOURN
Presenter: Norma Timmons

September board meeting adjourned at 5:37pm.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018 at 4:30 pm.