

SouthWest Metro Educational Foundation

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 4:30 PM

Minutes

Present: Lesley Chester, William Thompson, Veronica Behlke, Marianne Feely, Norma Timmons, Melissa Carlson, Stephanie Erickson, Joyce Eissinger, Ginger Gregory, Danelle Simenson, Michael Sokol, Mary Hanson, John Weinand

Absent: Darren Kermes, Robin Dylla, Shannon Smith, Laurie Gauer

1. CALL TO ORDER
Presenter: Norma Timmons

Meeting called to order at 4:36pm.

2. INTRODUCTIONS
Presenter: Norma Timmons

Veronica Behlke introduced herself to the board. Her son Michael has spoken at the gala. After the gala she had expressed interest in joining the board. All others present provided brief introductions.

3. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES
Board Vote Needed
Presenter: Norma Timmons

Board vote to approve February minutes moved by Stephanie Erickson first with Melissa Carlson second, followed by unanimous vote.

 [SWMEF Minutes 2-26-19.docx](#)

4. FINANCE REPORT - REVIEW OF FEBRUARY FINANCIALS
Board Vote Needed
Presenter: Lesley Chester and Melissa Carlson

Nothing to report for Good to Go Kids. Lesley has had discussion with Mary Romansky about monthly Admin Fee. She has brought it to the Executive Committee for further discussion. The February and year to date financials were reviewed.

Board vote to approve February financials moved by Stephanie Erickson first with Ginger Gregory second, followed by unanimous vote.

 [Feb 2019 Balance Sheet.pdf](#)

 [Feb 2019 Profit & Loss.pdf](#)

 [Feb 2019 Balance Sheet by Class.pdf](#)

 [July 2018-Feb 2019 Income & Expense.pdf](#)

 [July 2018-Feb 2019 P & L.pdf](#)

 [Feb 2019 General Ledger.pdf](#)

5. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Presenter: Stephanie Erickson

This year there are 30 applicants for scholarships, 8 more than last year. There are 23 scholarships available. With additional applicants this year, an additional day may be needed for interviews. Applicants are currently being scheduled for interviews. In recent years no applicants have been turned down as long as the application form is complete and the interviews are attended. The board may explore opportunities to award scholarships to all applicants as long as the previous criteria is fulfilled.

April 9-11 8am-12pm Interviews
Board to vote on recipients at April meeting
May 23 7am Awards Breakfast

6. GALA COMMITTEE UPDATE

Presenter: Norma Timmons

The Gala Committee met last week. A digital save the date is being created and will be sent out along with solicitation materials. The Transitions program has been invited to create table centerpieces again this year. Water will be available at all tables this year per feedback received from guests. The committee is having ongoing discussion to best embrace the Harry Potter theme for this year's event. John Weinand will present the timeshare live auction item similar to how Michael did last year with the craft beer. If any board members have any items to donate, add them to the document in Google Docs.

7. SECOND FUNDRAISER DISCUSSION

Presenter: Norma Timmons

Further discussed having a second fundraising event. Some sort of bingo event may be a good opportunity if a venue with a gambling license were to be used such as the American Legion. Having this type of indoor event may be most successful during winter as more people would like to stay away from the cold. Less volunteer labor would also be needed. Danelle and Lesley will further explore potential venues and ideas for a bingo event.

8. DIANE GRUNEWALD FOUNDATION

Presenter: Marianne Feely

The Diane Grunewald Foundation is preparing a website and creating a logo. In July they will be hosting a fundraising event. Going forward they are looking to further expand their scholarship offerings and starting a granting program for things like hearing aids.

9. OTHER COMMITTEES

Presenter: Norma Timmons

There are some new members to the Grant Committee. They will work together to schedule their first meeting.

The Mentoring Committee is working to create a survey for faculty in order to collect ideas for a mentoring program. Another meeting will be scheduled soon to work on creating a formal process for mentoring.

10. UPDATES FROM TEACHERS AND SCHOOL BOARD

Update from Teachers - Stephanie Erickson

Last week six students graduated and enjoyed having the new caps and gowns for a more formal ceremony to celebrate their accomplishments. The Shakopee Superintendent attended the ceremony and took pictures with the graduates. Pennies for Patients completed last week with over \$500 raised. Spring Break is going on right now. One quarter is left for the remaining school year. Fourth quarter graduation will be on May 31 at 10am.

Update from School Board - John Weinand

The board met last week with Freedom Farm faculty attending to present about their program. Darren gave an update on current legislative issues. They are now searching for a new Director of Finance. Renewal of Darren Kermes' contract was approved.

Update from District 288 Executive Director - Darren Kermes

Darren has been spending some good time working with legislation on special education.

11. OTHER

Presenter: Lesley Chester

No additional items of discussion.

12. ADJOURN

Presenter: Norma Timmons

Stephanie Erickson moved to adjourn March meeting with Melissa Carlson second.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39pm.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 4:30 pm.