

LEAF Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes: Thursday, January 4 2018  
2pm

Present: Janet Reagan, Elizabeth Reisinger, Tim Beck, Bruce Hentges

Absent: Pat Krueger

Added agenda items:

- District 742 Education Expo this Saturday (Jan.8) 9am-noon at the Convention Center. Bruce, Elizabeth, Pat Krueger and Peggy Carlson represented LEAF. The PAKRAT Bus was open for children and parents to explore and we gave away 100 books to children at the event. Sara Martini, PAKRAT grant coordinator joined us for the morning.
- Academic Grants – Bruce reported there will be approximately \$13,357 for academic grants this spring. Approximately \$8,316 in Activity Grants. Handout given. March 8 will be the spring round allocation committee meeting. The Allocation committee will review committee membership via e-mail to ensure an adequate mix of new LEAF Board members and those with experience on this committee.

Financials

- Tim and Bruce met on Jan. 3 2018 and went over all financials. Tim needs to complete the reconciliation report for the Learning Renaissance. Overall 2017 was a very healthy year with fundraising and investment returns.
- Bruce will send out the CMCF Report for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter as soon as it is received. It appears that investment returns for the quarter will be very positive.

Annual Meeting

- Monday, Feb. 26 at the Country Club. Program will be reviewed at the February Exec Committee meeting. As of Feb 26, LEAF will have 21 board members.
- New members: Aric Putnum, Steve Schiller, Kathy Lyerly, Dan Edelbrock, Greta Stark-Kraker, Staza Pany, Abdi Daisane, John Wertz and Lori Johnson
- Outgoing members: Janet Reagan, Mike Janey, Mike LaFontaine, Bruce Mohs, Joe Mullen, Pat Mullen, Gary Strandemo
- Awards will be given for Lifetime Service, Volunteer Service, Charitable Giving, Coach/Advisor, and Instructional Excellence

Grant Process: Elizabeth, Don Farlo and Paul Shoemaker have been discussing revising the whole LEAF webpage along with getting the grant forms on-line. This is on-going, with a summer “deadline”. Input from the Allocations committee will be sought.

Nominations Committee: Bruce is still asking potential board members to try and reach 24 board members total. Incoming board member orientation will be held on Jan 23 over lunch with Elizabeth attending (and ordering lunch). Elizabeth has also reached out to Natalie Ringsmuth (UniteCloud) and Jennifer Mueller (SCSU) seeking their input on potential board members.

2018 Officers were discussed.

Strategic Planning was discussed. Board will need to determine the focus of strategic planning – focusing on staff structure/succession planning only, or the organization as a whole. Tim forwarded a study to the Exec Board focusing on compensation from the MN Council of Non Profits. Bruce will contact this organization to inquire as to how they may help us in this process.

Annual Report – Don Farlo and the PR Committee are working on this

Next Executive Committee meeting: Thursday, Feb 1 at 2pm

Next Board meeting: Monday, Jan 15 4:45pm at KDV

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.

Minutes recorded by Janet Reagan