

L.E.A.F Board of Directors
Minutes of the Meeting
May 17, 2010
KDV Conference Room

Members present: Barclay Carriar, Joann Dorsher, Debbie Erickson, Don Farleo, Gayla Holmgren-Hoeller, Rolf Jacobson, Lori Johnson, Pat Krueger, Craig Lietha, Chris McElroy, John Oxton, Jim Pehler, Mark Sakry, Ken Voss, John Weitz, Pat Welter, Bruce Hentges, and Phil Welter

The meeting was called to order by President Barclay Carriar at 4:46pm.

Agenda

The agenda was amended to include approval of the March treasurer's report to the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of minutes of April 19, 2010 Board meeting (attached)
2. Approval of the March Treasurer's Report
3. Approval of April Treasurer's Report (Craig Lietha)
 - A. Action Requested: Approval of Treasure's Report for April
 - B. Action Requested: Approval of bill payments for April
4. Executive Director's Activity Report (included below)
5. Ongoing Campaign and Endowment Report for April (attached)

Sakry moved and Pehler seconded approval of the consent agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

As a point of interest, Hentges explained the slight discrepancy in two printed figures for Community Foundation accrued totals; there was a two day difference.

Discussion/action items

1. Contingency Grant request

Hentges reviewed the contingency grants for the year to date:

- Tech Civics students *We the People Congressional Debate* (\$500: \$364 later returned unspent),
- Tech Math student to Regional competition in Iowa (\$250),
- ALC Artist in Residence Program (\$500).

Tech Project Lead the Way has requested assistance to participate in the national competition in Kansas City, Missouri. The Executive committee has recommended approval. Pehler moved and Oxton seconded approval of \$500 for three students to travel. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Contingency Grant Request

The Tech Biomedical Debate Team has also been invited to a national HOSA competition. They have requested \$500 to send 4 students to Orlando, Florida. Hentges suggested that all of the remaining \$614 in the contingency fund could be awarded, as no added requests are anticipated and the extra \$114 might therefore go to good use. Sakry moved and Oxtan seconded approval of \$614. Discussion followed regarding the appropriateness of allowing only the last request to benefit from the extra funds. Pehler moved to amend the motion to award the standard \$500. Holmgren-Hoeller seconded the motion. The amendment passed eight to six. The final amended motion awarding \$500 passed unanimously.

3. Committee Reports

Public Relations

Krueger distributed written reports of recent activity, calling attention to the upcoming publication of the first online newsletter featuring articles on the recent granting round, a success story about a LEAF assisted Tech Choir trip to New York, contingency grants and a review of Night of the Stars. There will also be a list of coming events. Don Farleo has designed a template. PR will also be assisting with marketing ideas for the fall Academic fundraiser.

Grant Writing

Hentges provided an update on the partnership project to secure grant support for the PACKRAT program

Development

They have worked on a funding package for the new database software program, and a donor has provided a start-up gift that enabled LEAF to order the program. It will be loaded into the KDV server and should be up and running by the June meeting.

4. Academic Fundraiser

The committee has secured Tech High School for the October 3 program. This is a Sunday, and is available when the original site, the Public Library, is not. An outline of the plan was distributed with the agenda materials. Highlights include:

- The Event Name will be “742 Food for Thought: A Celebration of Academic Success”
- The event will be from 1:00 – 5:00pm in the Tech cafeteria, front lawn and possibly student center.
- The event itself will highlight the various cultures that make up the St. Cloud Community and give citizens an opportunity to sample foods from a variety of cultures, while raising funds to be divided between the LEAF Endowment and the P.A.K.R.A.T. Program. Raising some for a more immediate cause is important because people are generally more willing to support this kind of thing rather than as endowment.

- Goals include a hope to raise \$20,000, with 500 adults and 250 students in attendance. (Based on a total of 6,500 families in District 742)
- Tickets will be 20 per adult (includes 10 food vouchers) and \$5 for students (includes 5 food vouchers)
- Also under consideration is LEAF membership with each ticket that will include priority seating ticket option for the “world famous” Night of the Stars Event, email newsletters, listing on the LEAF web page, Barnes & Noble Discount, etc...
- Membership Level could include “acorn level” for students who purchase tickets. Make other levels various trees
- Vendors are being contacted by committee members who will report back at the May 19 meeting.

No action was required, but board members are encouraged to support the event by making appropriate contacts coordinated by the Executive Director.

5. Executive Director Report

Bruce Hentges distributed his written report, calling attention to plans for the Welcome Back Kick-off event on August 17 at the Kelly Inn. The featured speaker will be an alum who is a Rhodes Scholar. A major sponsor is still being sought.

Carriar adjourned the meeting at 5:14

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Krueger
Secretary