

Barclay called January 12, 2015 meeting to order.
Same Attendance as for Annual Meeting.

Call to approve the Consent Agenda. Janet made the motion. Kris S. 2nd. Motion carries.

Bruce Hentges gave the fundraising report. Excellent month in December—most ever!

Reconciliation Report (July-Dec, 2014): Bruce Hentges delivered. Adjustments to be made:

- Move \$2,899 from Operating to Academic Fund
- Move \$3,279 from Activities Fund to Operating Fund

Committee assignments—Bruce Hentges

New members get photo and bio to Pat Krueger for the website.

Feb. 18th is the Community Awards and Reception

- At the St. Cloud County Club, 5-7 p.m.
- Annual report given that night as well.
- All present received their invitation.
- PLEASE RSVP to Bruce IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND. Thanks!

LEAF Night of the Stars: Feb. 20 & 21

Auction raffle item is usually purchased from donations from LEAF Board members. (Like TV or iPad)

Need volunteers to supervise downstairs.

JoAnne updated on Conflict of Interest/Code of Ethics committee: will be reviewing in the next month or so. Let JoAnne know if you are interested in joining the committee.

PAKRAT bus project: update by Bruce Hentges

Maybe partner with Rotary Club to finance.

District has agreed to store bus, do routine maintenance; pay stipends for staff during the summer.

Generative Topic:

Would LEAF be interested in taking a position for the upcoming levy for District 742?

Would we be interested in being fiscal host for the levy committee? Is it legal? Would we be interested in committee to write grant to help with this process?

Research: According to Steve Joul of Community Foundation, he thought we would be able to do that. (CMCF did it for Willmar.)

Another opinion—Susan of MN Council of Non-Profits: no obstacles, but watch the money and conflict of interest by relatives etc.

Law allows us to be fiscal host *within limits*. (Around 20% of annual budget. It is considered lobbying.) Others believe no more than 5%.

Taryl Clark said she knows a good non-profit attorney.

Policy support ok—not people or parties.

Do we want to publicly support?
Accept \$ for construction of the building?
Become fiscal agent for levy campaign?

Discussion ensued:

- Premature to make a declaration of public support before Board makes decision on the bond.
- Need more info before LEAF makes a decision about accepting funds.
- Do we need a sub-committee to discover some of the answers?
- Is the Board interested in doing this? Considered a political issue . . . will it affect donations?

Pat K moved Ad hoc committee be formed; JoAnne Dorscher 2nd. Motion carried. Members TBD.

Bring a recommendation to back to the Board on how to move forward on this. Must act quickly

JoAnne find out if district wants us to do that.

Exec Director's Report—Bruce Hentges

Reported on grants for Cycle II, Spring 2015. Spring Academic Fund grants are determined by 5% of the Academic Endowment as of December 31

- \$13,393 from Academic Fund for Grants
- \$14,155 from Activities Fund for Grants

Ad hoc committee to review by-laws. At some time this year.

Debbie moved to adjourn. Jim 2nd Motion carries.