

LEAF Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2017

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Elizabeth Reisinger at 4:50pm.

Members Present: Peggy Carlson, Don Farleo, Mike Janey, Patrick Kruchten, Pat Krueger, Bruce Mohs, Joe Mullen, Patrick Mullen, Janet Reagan, Elizabeth K. Reisinger, Gary Strandemo, Bruce Hentges

Guests Present: Andrea Preppernau, Marsha Schlahtman, Pat welter

Agenda

LEAF Good News/*Thank-You*s

Bruce shared a thank-you note that is being sent to our volunteer Learning Renaissance auctioneer, Bruce Watkins. A gift certificate will also be included. Board members were asked to sign.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of minutes of October 23, 2017 Board meeting
- B. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of November 2, 2017
- C. Approval of bill payments for November, 2017

Peggy C moved and Don F seconded approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Contingency Request

Kennedy School has submitted a request for contingency funding. Their drama program has a unique opportunity to practice and perform at CSB. This unanticipated opportunity recently arose and there are no funds available. Because of the unusual timing, it can be considered as a contingency request. Bruce informed them that LEAF usually grants a maximum of \$500. Members of the Exec Committee all favored funding, citing values of the program and some precedence for granting contingency at different time of the year.

Joe M moved and Don F approval seconded approval of a \$500 contingency grant for the program. The motion passed unanimously

Financial Reports/Treasurer's Report

- A. October Fundraising Report
- B. Treasurer's Report
 - October Profit and Loss Statement
 - October Balance Sheet
 - LEAF Budget Sheet updated to October 31, 2017

Reports were distributed and reviewed by Bruce H.

It was noted that the new Participation Fund now has a total of \$2100.

Responding to a question about the origins of scholarship funds, Bruce explained that LEAF serves as the fiscal agent for the Schmitz scholarship at the family's request. LEAF does not manage the fund or make the awards.

Board members were reminded that the Finance Committee will be meeting soon to update the budget.

Don F moved and Peggy C seconded approval of all financial reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Learning Renaissance Recap

Elizabeth R shared information about this year's very successful event. Attendance was somewhat down from last year, but sponsorships were up, so over-all revenue remained strong. While income was about \$1500 lower, costs were also lower, so profit was close to even.

The Fund-a-Need recipients, Talent Development program, expressed that they are very grateful for this excellent boost.

No action was required.

Night of the Stars

The Board was again reminded of the month earlier date for this year's event.

Nominations

Because a number of members' terms are ending after January, The Board will be approving at least 4, probably more, new members at the December meeting.

Partner for Student Success Presentation

Guests Andrea Preppernau, Marsha Schlahtman and Pat Welter took the floor to share information on the "Cradle to Career" approach that the Partnership is following. This presentation focused on the impact of kindergarten readiness programs available throughout the St Cloud area, including but not limited to 742 schools. Data was collected for Language, Literacy and Communication, Math, Approach to Learning, Physical and Movement and Social and Emotional. The 2016 cohort was shared.

Findings indicated that math competencies were the lowest in all three districts. Social and Emotional was the highest. Notable gaps were quite evident between the identified free and reduced lunch students and all others.

The sampling included only 100 742 students. The Fall 2017 cohort will include all 742 students.

The presenters shared the following recommendations:

Continue to collect data for both ECE and KEP through 2018

Increase Math strategies for all

Provide support to gap areas (free and reduced lunch and English Language Learners) in all domains –

Provide professional development

Provide free and reduced lunch families with social and emotional strategies.

The group was thanked for a very information and interesting presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Krueger, Secretary

Next meeting:

Please Note: Due to the Holidays' busy schedule, the next Board of Directors meeting will be on December 11.

Upcoming Events

Night of the Stars: Friday, January 12 & Saturday, January 13, 2018