

LEAF Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, August 24, 2020

4:00 p.m. – Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Reisinger at 4:05.

Members present: Peggy Carlson, Abdi Daisane, Dan Edelbrock, Cindy Harner, Lori Johnson, Pat Krueger, Dave Langerud, Sara Martini, Jim Michaud, Bruce Mohs, Laura Pfannenstien, Aric Putnam, Elizabeth K. Reisinger, Greta Stark-Kraker, Eric Vollen, Bruce Hentges

Good News and Thank You's

Bruce noted that this summer, LEAF passed the \$2 million mark since starting to award grants.

The summer PAKRA/PAKCAT bus rolled despite the many challenges created by the pandemic. They served 900 young students, giving away books and math packs. Nearly everything was gone at the end of the week run. We keep on doing what we do.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Board of Directors meeting minutes as posted on web page for May 2020
- B. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of June, July & August 2020 -as posted online.
- C. Approval of bill payments for May, June & July 2020

Abdi Daisane moved and Jim Michaud seconded approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

Bruce reported, reviewing the information provided to members.

- A. January – May, June & July Fundraising Reports – COVID-19 Impact (Bruce)
The endowment currently is at its all time high. Bruce noted that the improvements in the market have been helpful.

- B. Treasurer's Report

- Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet

The report includes the months of January through July 2020. They include only one event – NOTS, but public support also came from contributions to other programs, including the Homeless Fund and grants for the PAKCAT/PAKRAT programs.

Bruce added that some sponsor support has already come in for Learning Renaissance.

Grant program support was down due to the pandemic interruption of regular activities, reducing grants that were actually used.

Bruce reviewed the pandemic method of handling upcoming grant requests and noted that the Board should decide on the handling of Contingency funding.

Overall, LEAF continues to do well under the current circumstances.

Peggy Carlson moved and Lori Johnson seconded approval of the report. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. A copy of the 20-21 grant allocations formula was reviewed and discussed. See Grants discussion below.

Fall Newsletter

The PR Committee has completed work on this year's mailer and it has been sent. An email version will also be sent around the first part of September.

Learning Renaissance

Elizabeth reported that the virtual fundraiser will be held online during final weeks of October.

Exact dates and details will be set soon. The Fund a Need proceeds will go to Hot Spots and Chrome Books for students.

PR Committee

The Committee will work closely with the Learning Renaissance Committee to handle promotional mailings and local and online advertising.

Pat K asked all members to try to get headshot photos that can be cropped into a square for the Website. Photos submitted should look appropriate when cropped to a square format and the minimum image dimension needs to be 400x400 pixels. They cannot be cropped from full body photos because of the loss of resolution that creates. Those who have sent professional headshots – you are good.

2020-21 Grants

Peggy C reported on the most recent updates to the Foundant application program. LEAF will meet with District administrators regarding district needs – once the school year is finally underway. Needs will be different, but the LEAF mission and purpose will continue to guide decisions. This may require discussion of some boundaries as needs change and are shared.

The altered pandemic process would require all requests to come to the full Board for approval – as they are considered. This will be done through email.

The matter of handling regular contingency funds was discussed – to use or set aside.

Jim Michaud moved to set aside contingency fund as usual. Cindy Harner seconded the motion: it passed unanimously. \$2,000 will be set aside for Academic contingencies and \$2,000 for Activities contingencies. This leaves \$37,577 for fall grants. Since \$10,000 has already been approved for distance learning, there is \$27,577 remaining.

Adopt a Classroom

Bruce reported that this fundraiser is going ahead as usual, with some modification of the request to include encouraging support for the general supplies that many students will be unable to provide.

Grants to LEAF

Bruce announced that LEAF continues to submit requests for grants to support programs.

Next meeting: Monday, October 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Virtual Learning Renaissance

The meeting adjourned at 5:09

Respectfully Submitted
Pat Krueger, Secretary