

LEAF Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2023

4:00 p.m. – In-person, With Zoom Option!

1. Call to Order and Additions to the agenda (Vice President Charlie Eisenreich)  
Members in attendance: **Melissa Hanzsek-Brill, Bruce Mohs, Rob Voshell, Valerie Raiter, Peggy Carlson, Charlie Eisenreich, Hani Omar-Jacobson, Justin Skaalerud, Lori Johnson, Chad Roggeman, Diane Moeller, Abdi Daisane, Steve Schiller, and Bruce Hentges**

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 by Charlie E. There were no additions to the agenda.

2. Good News and Thank Yous (Bruce Hentges)

- Welcome new members: **Melissa Hanzsek-Brill, Valerie Raiter and Mark Thelen**
- Annual Meeting

**Bruce H. welcomed new board members Melissa, Valerie and Mark. Bruce also mentioned that our annual meeting was a very positive event with our highest attendance ever.**

3. Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Board of Directors meeting minutes as posted on web page for December 19, 2022
- Approval of March 14 Executive Committee Minutes -as posted online.
- Approval of bill payments for February 2023
- **Action Requested:** Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Bruce M. to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Justin S. Everyone voted in favor.**

4. Financial Reports (Tim Beck & Bruce Hentges)

- Feb 2023 Fundraising Report
- Feb 2023 Profit and Loss Statement
- Feb 2023 Balance Sheet
- 2023 Night of the Stars Financial Report
- NOTS Financial Report
- **Action Requested:** Approval of Treasurer's Report

**Bruce H. walked us through the financial report. February was not the best month for fundraising. Our endowed funds at the end of February were \$2,116,378.55. Our net income for the year so far is \$960.40. Night of the Stars had a net profit of \$2,103.63 for the Music Matters fund. \$3,760.00 is given back to schools through ticket grants. It has never been a big fundraising event. It's more of LEAF PR event, music program showcase, and chance for students to show their talents to a larger audience. Our attendance was down considerably this year. Our expenses were at the same level as when we had the show at the Paramount. The Night of the Stars will be back at the Paramount next year.**

**Lori made a motion to transfer the net profit of \$2,103.63 from the Night of the Stars fundraiser account to the Music Matters fund. Steve S. seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor.**

**A motion was made by Rob V. to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Chad R. Everyone voted in favor.**

5. Grants Committee Report and Recommendations (Peggy Carlson)

- LEAF Grants for 2023 – Bruce
- Music Matters/Dahlgren Legacy Fund Grants Proposal for 2023 (Music Matters Committee Minutes) - Bruce
- The LEAF grants committee meeting and recommendations on Thursday, March 16 - Peggy
- Cycle I Academic and Activities Grant Recommendations - Peggy

- **Action Requested:** Approval of spring 2023 endowed fund grants

*5% of our endowed funds are available for grants each year. LEAF has \$99,210.00 available for grants in 2023. Peggy C. displayed the recommendations from the grants committee for the spring grants. The committee approved the total amount of \$23,606.00 available for grants. Abdi asked for clarification on the CPR/First Aid certification grant. Rob V. asked why the electronic judge system for diving for Apollo was not approved. Peggy explained that it was not recommended by the athletic director because of the small pool size.*

*A motion was made by Chad R. to approve the grants committee recommendations. The motion was seconded by Abdi D. Everyone voted in favor.*

**Music Matters** fund along with the Al Dahlgreen/Once Upon a Child Fund will support a total of \$5,475,000.00 in grants in 2023. That means there is \$5,475.00 available to spend in the 2023 school year. The Music Matters committee met and recommended that the money be used for:

1. Transportation and expenses for high school music programs to visit and interact with elementary school students.
2. Transportation and expenses for middle school music programs to visit the appropriate high school music program and to interact with high school music students in those programs.

*A motion was made by Bruce M. to approve the music matters committee's recommendation for the \$5,475.00. The motion was seconded by Lori J. Chad R. had several questions. What is the policy if a music teacher wants to submit a grant? Do they have to go through the Music Matters fund? Chad would like to see a policy written about how the Music Matters funds are spent. Bruce H. said music teachers can apply for either an academic or activities grant based on the need. Bruce H. and Peggy clarified that the Music Matters committee will decide each year how the funds will be used. The Music Matters committee decided to use the money for 2023 for the two recommendations listed above. Diane M. stated that she thought Chad had a good point about making a policy because there is overlap with this fund and the activity and academic funds.*

*Bruce M rescinded his motion. Lori J. also rescinded her second. Chad asked if we could delay our vote until the May board meeting. Justin S. asked for clarification on which music teachers were part of the committee. Diane M. stated that all music teachers in District 742 were invited and several attended. They were going to report to Kara who is the Fine Arts Coordinator. Chad R. asked to table this until the next board meeting, and stated he is willing to work on a policy with anyone else who would like to help. Diane added she agreed with Chad and said maybe we need to review who is on the music matters committee and add this to the policy.*

*Chad made a motion to table this discussion so we can write a policy about who is on the committee and how the money is granted. Steve S. seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor.*

#### 6. Board of Directors Issues (Bruce Hentges)

- Conflict of Interest Form
- Committee assignment: Please volunteer for at least one committee (See previously sent Standing and Even committee sheets)
- Committee Needs
  - Social Media
  - LEAF 742 Distinguished Alumni (Ad Hoc)
  - LEAF Events Review & Recommendation (Ad Hoc)– report by Sept 1)
- April 22 – **Earth Day Run** – Volunteers needed! (Please contact me if you can help)! Homeless Fund
- ***Dancing With Our Stars:*** Ayan Omar and Jesus Sandoval
  - LEAF Activities Participation Fund

- June 12 at CSB.
- Please consider contributing via LEAF webpage. Please encourage others to contribute.
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- *Please sign and return your conflict of interest form to Bruce H. LEAF asks board members to volunteer for at least one committee.*
- *Please let Bruce H. know what committees you would like to be involved with. A new committee that we are adding is a social media committee.*
- *We are in need of board members who are good with social media to volunteer on this committee.*
- *There will also be an Ad Hoc committee to determine the LEAF 742 distinguished alumni award if you would like to join this committee.*
- *We are also looking for board members willing to serve on an ad hoc committee to review our LEAF events. Bruce Mohs will chair this committee.*
- *Peggy is looking for 25 volunteers to help with water stations at the Earth Day Run. Email Peggy Carlson or Bruce H. if you are willing to help. It's a fundraiser for the homeless fund. Last year we raised a little over \$2,000.00.*
- *We are supporting Ayan Omar and Jesus Sandoval for Dancing With Our Stars. If you have any good ideas to market this, please let Bruce H. know.*

7. Apollo Scoreboard Advertising

*LEAF has been talking about how we can get advertising on Tech's new digital scoreboard. Apollo is hoping to get a new scoreboard. Justin S. walked us through a presentation on upgrades to the Apollo football stadium and track. This was approved by the school board last week. Apollo is \$80,000.00 short for funds. Justin has raised \$22,000.00 of this so far. Justin came to our board meeting today to see if there is interest in LEAF having a presence on the new digital scoreboard. Bruce M. said it's a great opportunity for LEAF to grow our brand. We will be discussing this at our May meeting. Do we want to support Apollo with a donation, and do we want to pursue ongoing advertising on the Apollo and Tech scoreboards? Charlie said he would like to see examples of what the advertising would look like. Chad R. asked if we would have something in writing to consider for the May board meeting.*

8. Treasurer Position/Bergan/KDV Financial Assessment

*Tim B. is leaving LEAF when we are ready. Bergan/KDV interviewed Bruce H. and will be interviewing Tim and Lori soon. Bruce hopes to have a report back from them by our next board meeting.*

9. 2023 Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting Dates for 2023

Executive Committee

Board of Directors

April 11

**May 15**

May 2

June 6

July 11

August 21

August 1

September 5

October 30

October 3

November 7

December 18

December 5

10. Upcoming Events

● **Earth Day Run**

- Saturday, April 22

● **Dancing With Our Stars**

- Monday, June 12

*Lori made a motion to adjourn. Chad seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor.*