

LEAF 742 Board meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, May 20th, 2024

Meeting Time: 4pm

LEAF Mission: The District 742 Local Education & Activities Foundation is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to secure and channel private funds to support and enhance excellence and opportunity in a comprehensive District 742 public educational program and secure supplemental funding for academics, activities, arts, and athletics.

LEAF Vision: ALL our students have access to quality educational and activity opportunities.



Local Education & Activities Foundation For St. Cloud School District 742

Zoom details:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84762688872?pwd=DLNZldvgaJCqjwar1MK6VOvVP3S9E3.1>

Meeting ID: 847 6268 8872

Passcode: 199488

Members in attendance: Natalie C., Diane M., Rob V., Chad R., Sharon B., Beth F., Renae C., Bruce M., Charlie E., Hani, J., Lori J., Justin S., Valerie R., Karl H., Melissa H.B., Brianna I., and Sara M.

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 by Diane M.

2. Check in question: What are 2-3 words you would use to describe LEAF?

Everyone shared 2 to 3 words to describe LEAF.

3. ACTION ITEM: Consent Agenda (*see attached documents*)

a. Financial Report (Profit and Loss/Balance Sheet)

Rob shared that we reviewed the financial reports at the executive committee meeting and he didn't have any concerns. He gave it his stamp of approval.

b. Executive Committee Minutes/Documents from April and May

i. Includes new Director's Report starting in May 2024

Bruce M. made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Renae seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor.

Growing a stronger community through academics, activities, arts and athletics.

4. Upcoming LEAF Events

a. Bruce's Retirement Gathering (Monday, June 24th, 5:30pm)

Diane updated the committee that the Country Club was booked for Bruce H.'s retirement party on Monday, June 24th. Peggy C. and Diane M. will be meeting soon to plan the event. She hopes to serve hors d'oeuvres and have a cash bar.

b. Tech and Apollo Golf Scrambles

Monday, July 29th: Apollo at Territory Golf Club

Friday, Aug. 9th: Tech at Wapicada Golf Club

c. Learning Renaissance

Sunday, Oct. 27th: The Cafe Renaissance is booked for that day. Diane is looking for people interested in serving on the planning committee for this event. She is hoping to change the format of the event. If you are willing to join the committee, please let Diane M. know.

d. Kicks for the Homeless Student Services Fund

Sharon is working on this event and hopes to host this event the first week of September. She would also like to set up a planning committee for this event.

5. Changing the Name of the "Homeless Student Services Fund"

The school district calls it transitional student services. Natalie would like to change it to protect the student's dignity. 803 students have been helped in District 742 this school year through the transitional services department. The district predicts it will be over 1,000 students next school year. We discussed how we should change the name of our fund to protect the dignity of our students and families but make sure donors know what they are donating to.

Suggestions included housing stability partnership, family bridging services, and the benevolence fund. Everyone agreed that we need to be careful selecting a name for the fund so our donors still know what they are donating to. We decided that Natalie would email the PR committee the above suggestions on Wednesday. They would come up with final suggestions which would go to the vote of the full board. This timeline will need to have a quick turn around because we would like to have the new name ready for Bruce's retirement party. Bruce would like people to donate to this fund instead of giving him a retirement gift.

6. 2024 Board meeting time change

- a. Proposal to change time to 3pm, dates stay the same

Many people were unable to attend meetings earlier than 4:00 so it was decided that we will stick to the 4:00 meeting time.

7. Future Board meeting topics - any suggestions?

Rena suggested bringing in speakers such as Coco from traditional services at ISD 742 to speak on this topic. Natalie is looking into grants to support the traditional services program. She mentioned a grant through Target.

Natalie asked if we would like to receive copies of the different LEAF sub committee meeting minutes. Board members liked that idea and Natalie will start sending out each sub committee meeting minutes to the full board after the meetings.

Upcoming LEAF Board meetings (4:00pm):

- August 19th, October 28th, December 16th

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm by Diane M.