

LEAF Annual Meeting Notes

February 22, 2021

7:00 pm. Via Zoom – Meeting was recorded

All Board Members were in attendance: ***Tim Beck, Peggy Carlson, Abdi Daisane, Peter Hamerlinck, Cindy Harner, Fardowsa Iman, Lori Johnson, Patrick Kruchten, Pat Krueger, Dave Langerud, Kathy Lyerly, Sara Martini, Jim Michaud, Dian Moeller, Bruce Mohs, Hani Omar-Jacobson, Laura Pfannenstien, Andrea Prepprenau, Aric Putnam, Elizabeth Reisinger, Chad Roggeman, Steve Schiller, Randy Schoenrock, Greta Stark-Kraker, Eric Vollen, Rob Voshell.***

The meeting was started by Chair Elizabeth R. at 7:05

Welcome:

Elizabeth kicked off the program. Bruce also gave a welcome.

Quick History of LEAF:

LEAF started in the early 1990's. LEAF holds an annual celebration of its accomplishments each year and to thank the community for its support. LEAF started holding an annual meeting in 2004. LEAF currently has 2 million in the endowment. LEAF gave \$190,000.00 to the district this year.

PowerPoint Presentation

Bruce shared the presentation that was also shared with the school board the previous week. Bruce shared LEAF's message of thanks to all district staff from the superintendent down. He also gave a huge thanks to all of LEAF's donors.

Highlights from the presentation:

- LEAF surpassed \$2.1 million in total grants since 1996 with \$191,096.00 in grants during 2020.
- Many of these grants were in response to the District's needs because of the pandemic including money for Chromebooks , Hot Spots and more.
- \$46,251.00 was given to the Homeless Student Service program in 2020.
- Summertime PAKRAT/PAKCAT program looked different this year because of COVID 19. United Way gave 1,500 books to PAKRAT program. LEAF also received grants from other community organizations to give two books and a math packet to each student who visited the bus for them to keep.
- \$41,000.00 grant for PAKCAT to expand the program from the Morgan Family Foundation.

George and Shirley Torrey

- 2002 - \$65,000.00 gift to LEAF to reach the goal of \$140,000.00 to save middle school activities
- 2008 – Torrey Legacy Fund established to set up grants for student activities
- 2012 – Letter of intent for future estate gift
- 2020 – LEAF receives \$400,000.00 estate gift in December
- Daughters, Katie and Ann, attended the meeting in honor of their parents

Growing the Funds

- LEAF gives 5% of endowed funds annually.
- The Activities Fund was started in 1993 and has \$1,326,828.30 as of 1/15/21.
- 5% equals \$66,000.00 in grants for activities in 2021.
- The Academic Fund was started in 2009 and has \$647,034.09 as of 1/15/21.
- 5% equals \$32,251.00 in grants for academics in 2021.
- Total LEAF Endowment \$1,973,862.39 as of 1/15/21.
- Grants will hopefully go back to the regular grant cycle next year.

Award Honorees:

George and Shirley Torrey Charitable Giving Award

1. Business: Scheels

Jamie Mortland excepted the award on behalf of Scheels. Scheels has donated to the activities fund, Night of the Stars, allowed LEAF to purchase gift cards at a discounted price and supported the PAKRAT book bus.

2. Mike and Carol Helgeson – Their generous donations over the years have supported academics, activities, arts and athletics in District 742.

3. Gene and Mary Margaret Bjorklun – They have given generous donations in memory of former educators and in honor of one to two teachers a year.

4. Vern and Maryann Leitch - Their generous donations have supported academics, activities, arts and athletics in District 742.

Volunteer Service Award: Phi Welter Award

1. Paul and Marsha Shoemaker – They have dedicated many hours to LEAF especially in the area of public relations.

2. Marty Heine – Marty served six years on the LEAF Board and continues to serve on the LEAF grant board.

Instructional Excellence Award:

1. Kristen Herbert – Social studies teacher at North who came up with an incentive program to keep her students motivated during distance learning. Her grant has been successfully replicated throughout the district.

2. Alexandra Badger – EL teacher at Apollo who started program to encourage physical fitness and get both students and families moving during Covid.

3. District 742 Nutritional Services Staff - Joe Happe accepted the award on behalf of the 125 people who work in the department district wide. They sent out 96 buses loaded with food for students every day during distance learning.

LEAF Lifetime Service Award:

Elizabeth Reisinger received this award for serving on the LEAF board for six years, four of which she was president. She was involved in every committee LEAF has and greatly helped to grow the endowment fund.

Out Going Board Members:

- 1.** Pat Kruchten
- 2.** Pat Krueger
- 3.** Jim Michaud
- 4.** Laura Pfannenstein
- 5.** Elizabeth Reisinger

New Board Members:

- 1.** Fardowsa Iman
- 2.** Hani Omar-Jacobson
- 3.** Diane Moeller
- 4.** Andrea Preppernau
- 5.** Rob Voshell

2021 Officers

Bruce Mohs – President
Peggy Carlson – Vice President
Sara Martini – Secretary
Tim Beck – Treasurer