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Wednesday, February 7, 2018  
Northrop Building  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting



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**Board Members (Those in bold in attendance):** **Melissa Amundsen**, Chad Campbell, Jim Thompson, Kim Keilholtz, Cheryl Moertel, Kelly Crawford, **Ginny Amundson**, **Jackie Tester**, **Donna Greason**, School Board Representative – Mark Schleusner, and Student Representatives: **Sophie Sargent (CHS)**, Youser Yousif (MHS), Alia Hezeli (JMHS); Scott Mahle (guest)

President Melissa Amundsen called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm without a quorum.

#### **Approval of minutes**

Since there was no quorum, minutes will be approved at the March meeting.

#### **President's Report**

No report

#### **Financials**

There was no report as the wrong financials were emailed.

IBM grant information - \$60 was transferred to BooFest to pay for TixForKids.

Question – did we request disbursement of money earned in 2017 from RAF?

We received a donation from a local bank.

#### **Strive Scholarships**

Annually three scholarships of \$500 each are given – one per high school. It will be recommended to approve awarding these scholarships at the March meeting.

#### **BooFest**

It is believed that the student groups have not been paid yet and that the profit-sharing amount hasn't been determined yet. \$100 was guaranteed, but \$125 had been discussed; also to be determined is the source of these funds – can designated funds be used? It was decided that checks should go out ASAP, for \$100 each unless \$125 was promised, and that we would decide the source of these funds at the March meeting.

Melissa made reservations for next year's BooFest at Century. Next year, we need to do this earlier.

An initial planning meeting for next year will be held soon; aiming for March.

#### **Nominations**

Melissa is working on getting new board members.

We will also need to vote on president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer for next year.

There was discussion about changing the by-laws regarding term limits. We will continue this discussion in March.

#### **Grants**

Fourteen grant applications were received this year; the grants plus a rubric to score them were sent to the grants committee. Melissa distributed a summary of the results of the rankings done by the committee. After much discussion, the top 6 grants were awarded, totaling \$14,090. Monies came from the balance of the 2017 IBM grant, used for STEM grants - \$1940; the Ladin fund – used for grants to help disadvantaged youth -

\$5000, and money from BooFest and donations this year - \$7150. Alternates were also selected in case someone declined as awarding grants got so late this year; two using general funds and one using STEM funds were chosen.

A special meeting will be held in April to overhaul the grant process.

**Fundraising/Development**

No report.

**Other Business**

Chad is looking into sending acknowledgements to our donors for tax purposes.

**Committees**

**Upcoming meetings**

Wednesday, March 14 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 11 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 9 6:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Amundson, secretary