



January 12, 2015 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Northrup Room 306

Members Present: Becky Montpetit, Scott Mahle, Melissa Amundsen, Mark Schleusner, Jim Thompson, Diana Sorenson, Mark Kuisle, Michael Pendleton, Regina Seabrook.

Call to Order

President Scott Mahle called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Agenda Discussion--Long-term vision of the organization.

Old Business

Minutes: Approval of minutes. Motion to approve November meeting minutes: Mark Kuisle. Seconded: Mark Schleusner. Approved.

Financials: Motion to defer November/December/January Financials to the February meeting: Becky Montpetit . Seconded: Melissa Amundsen. Approved.

New Business

Ladin Fund Update

Scott discussed the Ladin Fund and the lack of communication to Mrs. Ladin regarding the funded projects from that account. Mrs. Ladin never received that letter from our accountant. We will work to develop a better rapport with the Ladin family.

Jim Thompson would like to have the board agree on a reason the Ladin fund was not used so he can send a letter to the Ladin family tomorrow with a report describing how the fund has been used in the last few years.

The rationale for holding on to the Ladin funds are: "The Ladin fund took a bad hit during the economy recession a few years ago. It has been slow to grow after the losses it sustained. We are now slowly beginning to use these funds ensuring that the needs meet the criteria of the fund."

Motion to approve donations to Tlx for Kids (\$500) and the Rochester Alternative Learning Center Clinic (\$1000) for a total of \$1500: Mark Kuisle. Seconded: Melissa Amundsen

Grant Committee Update

- \$1500 worth of MAD grant monies were distributed in the past month.
- Grant presentation at the Rochester Public School Board next week on Tuesday, January 20th, 5:30 pm at Edison.
- Becky will work on the certificates.

Haunted Hallways/Fundraisers for 2015

One person besides Scott Mahle showed up for the Haunted Hallways meeting in November. We are now at the point where we ax Haunted Hallways or offer a smaller event for Elementary aged kids.

Haunted Hallways would like to move forward with an elementary based Hall of Fun/Halloween Carnival. Friday (set up pm) and Saturday(9-4 pm), October 31st. Jim Thompson will take leadership on this event. RPSF role: ticketing, advertising.

Motion: Continue Halloween Festival playing to the strengths of Haunted Hallways and deleting the weaknesses of past events: Jim Thompson. Seconded: Regina Seabrook.

Melissa made a suggestion to get a smaller group together to establish some parameters. February 4th, Elton Hills Dunn Bros, 6:30 pm.

Rochester Alumni Association

Jim has an idea for an Alumni association that RPSF would serve as the umbrella organization.

Future/Vision of the Board

Discussion regarding revisiting the Strategic Plan that was developed a few years ago in a retreat with Sheila Kiscaden.

Discussion about having an annual retreat regarding our vision and our strategic plan.

Around the Room:

Mark S requested that the Robotics league purchase their computers through the foundation. Melissa suggested that there be a document drafted up that states that there is an agreement between the two organizations. Jim will check with the accountant that it is ok.

Motion: Based on feedback from the accountant, the motion is to approve \$300 from the robotics league to be the organization they purchase their computers through: Mark Kuisle.
Seconded: Jim Thompson. Mark S abstains.

February Meeting: February 11th, 2015, 7 pm // Northrop Room 306

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Becky Montpetit