

Wednesday, March 14, 2018
Northrop Room 306
Board of Directors Regular Meeting



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, Jennifer Gangloff, School Board Representative - Mark Schleusner, and Student Representatives: Sophie Sargent (CHS), Youser Yousif (MHS), Alia Hezeli (JMHS)

President Melissa Amundsen called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

New Board members

There were two applications for new board members. Kim moved to approve the Jennifer Gangloff as a new board member. The motion was seconded and approved. Kim moved to approve Lisa Sifferath as a new board member. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of minutes

Jackie moved to approve the December minutes. The motion was seconded and approved. Donna moved to approve the February minutes. The motion was seconded and approved. The recommendation that names not be recorded of who made and seconded motions was discussed. It was decided that from now on this recommendation would be followed.

President's Report

Melissa took a stab at understanding this month's financials: there were some small unsolicited donations. We received \$62 from Amazon Smile. We receive a payroll deduction payment from IBM every two weeks; payroll deductions from RPS will be starting now. There was a printing cost for the information sent to RPS employees about the payroll deduction. We currently have \$17,463 in checking, \$524 in Chance Fund and \$576 in Stanich Fund. She had no information about our funds in Rochester Area Foundation.

We are responsible for filing taxes every year; they are currently being filed. What form we ask the accountant to use depends on if we plan to apply for grants this year; the fee the accountant charges depends on the form (\$100 preparation fee plus an organizational filing fee).

Committees that need to meet are BooFest planning, grant overhaul, financial review, and strategic planning. Melissa will send out a Doodle to schedule the first two meetings.

Financials

See president's report.

Grants

Kim will send a press release listing the winners.

The grants were awarded at the last meeting; see the list below. However, it was not approved to expend the money as there wasn't a quorum at the meeting. The total amount awarded was \$14,090; the recommendation is that \$2040 comes from STEMfunds (IBM grant and \$100 donation), \$5000 from the Ladin Fund, and the balance come from the checking account (BooFest profits of \$7050). It was moved and seconded to approve the expenditure of these funds; motion passed.

We discussed picking one or two grants that we weren't able to fund but we thought were worthwhile and try to use crowd funding to raise the money for them. We would put them on our FaceBook page and website and ask people to share the request. We hope that there is a low-tech way to track money raised ourselves. There was general agreement that we should look into this for next year; we would add information about this to the grant application.

| Amount awarded | Project Director(s) | Site(s)/School(s) | Grant Title |
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| \$2,500 | Jenny Bruenger & Guthrie Capossela | Lincoln and Folwell | Pilot Program Enhancing Native American Curriculum with Learning Trunks |
| \$2,500 | Kathryn Sloan & Elizabeth Quackenbush | RALC | RALC Green Thumb Initiative |
| \$2,500 | John Bartucz | John Marshall | Internet Access for Students in Need |
| \$1,590 | Brianne Morris & Linnea Raasch | Bamber Valley | Hands-On Equations |
| \$2,500 | Amber Henry & Jessica Marquardt | Gage | Kodable for Gage Elementary School |
| \$2,500 | Marcia Hartman | Hawthorne Education Center | Expanded Non-Fiction Reading Materials for ESL Classes |

Nominations

Melissa handed out a sheet listing the directors in each group. Every March, we need to reapprove the group whose term ends and elect officers.

Bylaws

Our bylaws were discussed. Section 2.5 on page 2 (Term Limits for Directors) - this has been broken before. Other organizations that have similar limits have exceptions for the president and past-president. It was moved to update Section 2.5 to read: Directors shall not serve more than seven (7) consecutive years unless the director will be serving in the position of president or past-president. The motion was seconded and approved.

At this point, it was moved to approve a new term for Group A members - Melissa Amundsen, Donna Greason, and Chad Campbell. The motion was seconded and approved.

Elections

The slate of officers was presented - president - Melissa Amundsen, treasurer - Chad Campbell, secretary - Ginny Amundson. It was moved and seconded to approve the slate; motion passed.

STRIVE scholarships

We have traditionally given 3 \$500 scholarships - one to a STRIVE student at each public high school. This is a program through Rotary and guidance counselors at the high schools to work with seniors in danger of not graduating. It was moved and seconded to spend \$1500 on the scholarships this year. Motion passed.

BooFest

Twelve checks for \$125 were cut and will be sent to the student groups who participated. It was moved and seconded to approve this expenditure; motion passed. The date has been set for October 27 with set up on October 26 beginning at 3:03. There will be a meeting soon to set roles for next year.

Fundraising/Development

The payroll deductions are coming in slowly.

In the past, we have made a donation to RPS for an ad in the graduation program which helps pay for the printing of the program. We will find out if we can have an ad at no cost this year.

Committees

Upcoming meetings

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 6:30 pm; Northrop 112. The next one is Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Amundson, secretary