SkillsUSA Kansas Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
March 12, 2015

Meeting called to order by Roy Schafer: 10:02 am

Roll call by Tod Johnson, 9 voting members present: Peggy Torrens, Rod Murphy, Beth Conrad, Tod Johnson, David Praisewater, Dwayne Hale, Roy Schafer, Steve Venne, Kent Thomas. A quorum was established. Non-voting members present: Becky Warren, Lucas Springer, Travis Riebel, Clifford Smith, Janet Hamilton, Kelli Byrne.

Roy asked for approval of December 2014 meeting minutes. Peggy Torrens moved to not read minutes out loud, David Praisewater seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kent Thomas moved to accept the minutes, Beth Conrad seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Becky Warren presented the budget review. Discussion was held on current balance and year to year comparison. Tod Johnson moved to accept budget report. Peggy Torrens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:
State Director’s Report presented by Becky Warren. Due to illness, Jana Baker will no longer serve on the Board of Directors. Becky introduced Stephanie Hays, whom she asked to fill Jana’s position.

Membership review – discussion

Membership increase awards to be given at State Leadership Conference Opening Ceremonies, Wednesday, April 22nd.

State Leadership Conference Contest Duties - discussion

SkillsUSA KS 2015-16 Calendar – discussion was made rather to keep Wichita and South Central Districts separate or to combine the districts.

Administrator of the Year Review and Selection – one application was received and review by the Board, Mr. Clark Coco, Washburn Tech. Dwayne Hale moved to award Mr. Clark Coco as Administrator of the Year. David Praiswater seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Advisor of the Year Review and Selection – no applications were received. Discussion was held on how to promote nominations for Advisor of the Year. It was agreed that at the District Meetings in September and the Fall Leadership Conference, nominations for Administrator of the Year and Advisor of the Year should be promoted and applications taken.

Scholarship Review and Selection: 2 High School applications were received, Gavin Schieber, OATC and Mariah Ross, Meade High School. Roy Schafer read each application and discussion was held. Gavin Schieber was selected to receive $250 Scholarship Award. It was decided by the Board that all applicants not receiving a scholarship award should receive a letter with
feedback and encouragement to reapply and how to improve. Also, future applications should include the rubric scorecard that the Board will utilize for their decisions. Roy asked Becky to draft a letter of explanation to Mariah and receive feedback. Roy also asked Becky to prepare the scorecard that will be added to the Scholarship, Administrator and Advisor of the Year applications.

Discussion was held on how to better promote all three awards at the District Conferences, Advisor Meeting, the Fall Leadership Conference, and the Friday Flash.

National Officer Candidate Presentation and Interview: Becky introduced Lucas Springer, Washburn Tech, as a nominee for National Officer Candidate to represent Kansas. Lucas presented his application and spoke to the Board of Directors. Question and answer session with Lucas. David Praiswater moved to accept Lucas Springer as a National Officer Candidate. Steve Venne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held revisiting the amount for the SkillsUSA Kansas Scholarships, Roy Schafer suggested that a future Board of Directors meeting bring up guidelines/revisions for the scholarships and award amounts.

Old Business:
Governance Committee: review of the Tim Lawrence sample of Governance Committee standards is pending. Roy asked for feedback at next meeting.

Finance Committee: no report at this time.

Program Committee: send Scholarship, Advisor, and Administrator applications to this committee for review.

Board of Directors Elections: Becky will send dates for each Board members re-election status for review at the July meeting.

Website Update: Becky contracted through GoDaddy.com and she has built the website which is now live. Discussion regarding mobile accessibility, can Technical Standards be posted to the website.

Kansas State Conference Merge: Discussion was held. Becky is working on proposals for final 3 sites: Hutchinson, Wichita, and Kansas City. She will be visiting Hutchinson and Wichita and presenting their official city proposals in July to the Board.

Alumni Association: Discussion regarding the passing of Vivian McCormick and her vision for the creation of the SkillsUSA Alumni Association. Flowers were sent by SkillsUSA Kansas to Vivian's family for her Memorial. Her family requested memorial funds are donated to SkillsUSA Kansas for the Alumni Endowment Fund and be used for Leadership Development. The family has requested the monies be held in an annuity account; Becky is researching the annuities for the best account.
National Officer Campaign revisited: Peggy made the motion to fund Lucas Springer’s campaign with $100. Rod Murphy seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on July 29, 2015, 11:30 a.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Kelli Byrne
Minutes Reviewed and submitted by: Tod Johnson