

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

November Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, December 4, 2013 - 6:45am - Bar 14 Restaurant

Board Member Attendance (PT=part-time):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missy Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Farris	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deborah Gauck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Gordon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patti Gylling and Jim (one position)	<input type="checkbox"/> Alice Jaakola	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike McCloskey	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trish Perna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Slothower	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Titus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Celeste Torset
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Wachsmith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Wedin	<input type="checkbox"/> John MacRae	

Guests in Attendance:

Michelle Cawley, Early Learning Coalition

Call to order - 6:50 by Jeff Slothower

December meeting agenda approval: Motion made by Dick to accept, second by Jim. Motion carried.

October minutes approval: Mary moved to accept minutes, seconded by Celeste. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report- Richard Wachsmith- Each board member present was given a current summary of the unrestricted and restricted funds. The Gorge fundraiser money came in but was not yet distributed. Jeff questioned allocations of it, but they cannot be done until Angie Wedekind provides lists of who worked and which group(s) they represent.

Richard will change the "Annual fundraiser – uniforms and technology" to "... - Book Mobile" on the next report.

At the end of November the unrestricted funds balance is \$5,719.00.

Mike moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, with Mary's second. Motion passed and report accepted.

Agenda Items:

Superintendent's report - Paul Farris- Heather Hazlett, Bill Amo and Curtis Bull are the new school board members. Paul says the new teacher/principal evaluations will take a lot of time. He also reminded the Ed Foundation that the district will need to purchase computers for testing all of the students district wide per state requirements.

Last year Paul testified about Professional Development hours. It costs about \$5,000.00 per hour of PD. He shared that all upper level schools MUST have 180 six-hour days so there will be NO early release days at all next school year.

Paul commented on the vast number of scholarships available and told us of the Western Regional Exchange that allows WA students to attend colleges such as University of Montana in Billings for about \$15,000 a year. His third daughter Rachel is a senior and is actively researching colleges.

Committee Reports

- 1) Scholarships** - Mike said that most people summarized this year's event as "WOW!" They printed 100 copies of everything and ran out. An estimated 160 students attended. Mike said that Michael Johansen was pleased to have input and support ahead of time and also felt the evening was a success. He plans to improve it by making the 'break out sessions' longer and combine Mike McCloskey's sessions into one. Most local scholarships were represented. Jeff

suggested moving the table configuration next year. The Amazon gift card recipient was very pleased. Mike also said there were quite a few juniors there, planning ahead for their senior year.

- 2) **Finance** – The new endowment trust wording was distributed by Dick. He summarized it for those present. He wants to get it set up and get the funds invested now. Jim Gylling wanted to make sure it was an adjustable amount of the percentage taken. Dick confirmed it was 1% of all income, and 10% of annual fundraising. Dick is looking ahead to large gifts of benevolence. He shared the example of how it took 26 years for the 4-H endowment to grow. Jeff said the hospital is also similar.

After reading Dick's wording and discussion, we thought the words 'in principal' after \$25,000.00 in the third paragraph should be deleted. There was a motion to approve Dick's proposal by Mary with "in principal" deleted. Jim seconded and motion passed with unanimous vote.

- 3) **Book Mobile** – Jeff reported that Tom Morris negotiated the purchase of the Isuzu white van from the local used equipment and vehicle lot. It is on the agenda for December 11. The Ed Foundation is buying the van and then having the fundraiser to pay for it. Mary said that everything above \$10,000.00 goes toward shelves, books, etc. for the inside or operation of it. Jeff reminded us that they Louise Strange funds were for anything we decided and her daughter thought the Book Mobile project would be a good fit for her mother's donation. Deborah said it can become a budget item on every federal grant to keep it going. She said there should be plenty of grants out there for funding this project. Mary reminded the board that this should be a very visible project in our community.

Mary moved to purchase the Isuzu box van contingent on the school board's approval for the amount of \$10,937.75. Mike seconded the motion which then passed.

- 4) **Fundraising** – Mary said the invitations would be printed the Monday following our meeting. Discussion about the book mobile van being outside and accountability followed. There will be a "Wine Walk" for \$1.00 chance to play at the fundraiser. It will be like a cake walk but you can win wine or beer by being on a children's book on the floor when the book is called or something similar.

There will be invitation stuffing at Trish and Scott Perna's office on Wednesday, December 11 at 5:00 p.m. Mary hopes several board members will help get the invitations sent out.

Discussion followed about the master mailing list and who to add or drop off the list. A couple more members got Mary their input or said they would send it very soon.

- 5) **Associate Groups** – Michele Cawley reported that the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) wants to have the doctor and dental offices in Kittitas County do developmental screenings on ALL young children at a set age. Deborah also wanted the medical offices to get information on the upcoming fundraiser since they will be working with ELC soon. Michelle said that they want all new parents to get information on child development and their part in preparing their child for school when their babies leave the hospital. Discussion followed with Deborah's insight into healthcare and education.

The Senior Party parents for the Class of 2014, and any others, will need to sign the associate agreements.

Jeff said there were no mini grant requests received again this month.

Mary wanted someone to attend the Mt. Stuart Parent Group meeting to ask them for \$100.00 towards a table sponsor at our fundraiser. Celeste was able to go.

- 6) **Grants** – Deborah said she has almost completed a Lowe’s grant for \$5,000.00 for refurbishment and shelving for the book mobile. She is working with John Graf to get the details.

Deborah is planning for a February training to teach us about federal grant opportunities.

- 7) **Student Art Report** – Mary was following up on the EHS ‘art contest’ topic covered the past several months. The old minutes did not clearly specify the allocations of the \$250.00. Dick Wedin gave Alex Ponchene the \$250.00 check at a welcome assembly in front of all the students. Maddie Jenkins was the selected artist the year before, with a painting, but did not get any money. She is selling it at D&M instead. Some board members had understood the \$250.00 amount to include the cost of suitable framing and a plaque with the students’ name and year to be ‘art’ displayed in EHS. Mary said that the initial conversations with Barb Goll mentioned about \$100.00 for the student and about \$150.00 for the art. Discussion followed, specifically that \$250.00 seems high, especially for digital art that was part of a class taught by Barb. Mary then moved that the Ed Foundation allocate \$100.00 for the EHS student artist who is selected for the planner cover design and the rights to their winning planner design. Mike seconded. The motion passed.

- 8) **Tile Sales** – No report.

- 9) **Communications** – No report

New Business

Strategic Planning Kick Off - Paul Farris said there will be a dinner scheduled for the Strategic Planning committee from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the Morgan Library. He wants 16 groups, with the Ed Foundation being one of them. He says it will be “very well facilitated” ...and “we will be pleased.” The groups will meet four times, beginning the third week in January. Mitch Everton from WASDA will summarize all findings and distribute them. He was a school board member for 11 years.

Old Business None

Next meeting January 8, 2014 - 6:45am at Bar 14 Restaurant

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 am

Minutes of the monthly meeting submitted by Patti Gylling, Secretary