

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation
Meeting Minutes
2/19/04

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. in the Morgan library by President Bob Titus.

Present were: Connie Dunnington, Paul Jewel, Mike McCloskey, Dick Wedin, Sue Connolly, Doug Murphy, Bob Titus. David Bowen was excused.

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Doug and a second by Connie, the minutes for the last meeting were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Dick distributed a financial statement from Richard showing a positive cash balance in all funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hedda Sharpan

- Dick reported that Hedda Sharpan is coming on April 14 at the EHS Little Theatre.

Annual Meeting:

- Connie has been in contact with Mac Bledsoe. He is willing, but they are still negotiating a mutually agreeable date.
- We will have an annual meeting meeting as soon as a date has been set so we can plan for the event.
- Doug suggested that we contact Gay Ott to see if she can provide some students for entertainment for the event.
- Doug was directed to commit to D and M Coffee for catering. He will also check on tablecloths.

Mini Grants - Round 2:

- Bob will contact Virginia to start our second round of grant applications.
- Mike agreed to distribute the applications to staff when received.
- Mike will also send a letter to principals at that time explaining the grants.
- Doug suggested that we look into the UPS Store for printing.

Tile Sales:

- Kathleen has been working on a poster with Barb Goll-Dewitt's class at EHS.
- Dick suggested that we invite people who have purchased tiles to participate in the April walk-thru of the building.
- Paul asked for an updated list of tiles sold.
- It was agreed that we need to have a deadline so as to encourage more sales.
- It was agreed to donate a tile to be auctioned at the Rotary/Chamber Auction. Bob will do this.
- Sue will check with Billie about selling tiles at Kiss Me Kate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation:

- Bob shared that he had received a letter of resignation from Jerry Harris citing "too many irons in the fire." Her resignation was reluctantly accepted with gratitude for her efforts to date.

- Gretta and Rebecca, as the nominating committee, are charged with finding a replacement for Jerry.
- Sue Connolly was suggested as the replacement and has tentatively agreed.

Excellence in Education Through Music Project:

- Sue reported that she has met with Gretta and Dick to share the group's progress to date.
- She shared the goals of the committee.
- The group has done research which shows that improved performance in math and thinking is a result of participation in long-term music study.
- The group is now looking into grants.
- They have met with parent groups and are meeting with music teachers.
- They will present information to the school board in April.
- The group is working with the music department at CWU to put on a benefit concert in 2005.
- Once we see grant requirements, the Foundation will sign off on them as appropriate.
- Bob clarified the relationship between the music group and the Foundation.

Partnership for Learning:

- Dick shared that the Partnership for Learning is a group promoting No Child Left Behind and the WASL standards in our state.
- They are working to prepare folks for the 2008 graduation requirements.
- Dick is trying to get them to do a presentation in Ellensburg next fall.
- He suggests that the Foundation sponsor the event (No charge.)

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- None

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, March 18, 2004.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. McCloskey
Secretary