

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation  
Meeting Minutes  
11/18/04

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Morgan library by President Connie Dunnington.

**Present were:** Connie Dunnington, Mike McCloskey, Dick Wedin, Kathleen Beach, Cassie Allison, Sue Connolly.

**Guests:** Lori Braunstein

**MINUTES:**

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

Dick shared the latest Treasurer's report. Tile sales continue to increase. He also reported that we received one "Apple" donation of \$25.00 to be used for reading projects.

**Committee Reports:**

**Allocations:**

- No report

**Finance:**

- No report

**Fund Raising:**

- Dick shared that the tile wall is now in place.
- Lydig construction will be purchasing \$500 in tiles.
- Kathleen had the newly printed brochures for us.
- Kathleen will schedule a photo-op and prepare a press release about the tile sales to include Byron Thomas and Nikki Ellis.

**Nominating:**

- Kelly Quirk, and Lori Braunstein both accepted an invitation to join the education foundation. Upon a motion by Mike and a second by Dick, it was unanimously passed to accept Kelly and Lori as new board members. Welcome to them both.

**Publicity:**

- No report.

**Grants/Scholarships:**

- Connie shared the three grant applications received by the November 8<sup>th</sup> deadline.
  - o Carla Thomas, EHS - Requested \$600.00 to provide training and transportation to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade special needs students to support transition to post-secondary employment and/or training. Upon a motion by Dick and a second by Mike, it was approved to fully fund this request.
  - o Jane Carson/Terri Sorenson, Lincoln Elementary - Requested \$145, one-third of the funds need to purchase high-level reading books with age-appropriate topics. Terri indicated that the Lincoln Parent Council has agreed to fund one-third of their request. They are waiting to hear from the Retired Teacher's Association about the remaining third. Upon a motion by Dick, and a second by Doug, it was agreed to reserve \$290 for this project. \$145 will be released immediately. If the Retired Teachers Association elects not to fund the request, the Ed. Foundation will release the remaining \$145.00. Motion carried.

- o Shanna Simonson, Mt. Stuart, requested \$736.00 for tuition to attend ECTL 601: The Pre-Assessment Seminar through CWU to assist her in obtaining her Professional Teacher Certificate. Discussion ensued about the intent of the grants which were to fund unique and innovative educational programs which were not able to be funded by building and/or district budgets. Upon a motion by Kathleen and a second by Dick, it was agreed to deny this request.
- Mike was directed to send letters to each applicant. Copies will be sent to Richard Wachsmith.

**Annual Meeting:**

- Dick will contact Terry Bergeson about being the keynote speaker
- Lori will check with CWU to see if we can piggy-back on one of their speakers.

**UMBRELLA GROUPS:**

**Morgan Performing Arts Center:**

- Kathleen reported that the group is waiting to hear back from the District about lighting changes and upgrades.
- She also shared that the group is looking to dispose of the remaining unused auditorium seats.

**Excellence In Education Through Music Project:**

- Sue reported that their board has expanded to 10-12 members.
- The February 12 benefit concert is shaping up nicely. Donations will be accepted at the event which will be attended by multiple dignitaries. The concert will demonstrate the growth of music.
- The board continues to work on developing an exemplary program model and method of implementation.

**Mt. Stuart Outdoor Nature Study:**

- \$500 has been expended from this fund to hire a design consultant.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Development of Agreements:**

- Dick reported that he continues to attempt to contact Erin to craft agreements of understanding with our umbrella groups.
- Beginning January 1, the Foundation will begin to take 1% of umbrella groups' funds for administrative fees.

**Web Site:**

- Cassie shared her ideas for updating our logo.
- She is working on taking pictures to put on the web site.
- The tile sales page is completed
- She continues to work on the grants application page, and a mission statement for the main page.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**EHS Open House:**

- All Foundation Board members should reserve Sunday, January 9 on their calendars. The new EHS open house will be from 1-4 that day and Foundation members will be manning a table to sell tile brochures. Please plan to help out!

**Sexual Assault Speaker:**

- Dick shared information about a sexual assault speaker for our middle and high school students and parents.
- It was suggested that we team with Central and community groups such as ASPEN to bring such a program forward.

- Dick will investigate further.
- Lori will check to see what speaking resources Central has.

The next meeting will be, Thursday, December 16, 2004.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. McCloskey  
Secretary