

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

March Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016 - 6:45 am – IHOP Restaurant

Board Member Attendance (PT=part-time):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Cawley	<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/Jim Gylling	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Larson	<input type="checkbox"/> John MacRae
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike McCloskey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trish Perna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Slothower	<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Wachsmith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Wedin			

Guests in Attendance:

Jeff Snedeker, CWU Professor

Call to order - 6:49 am by Jeff Slothower

Agenda Approval

Mike moved to approve the March agenda. Carried.

Minutes Approval

Dick moved and Missy seconded to approve the February, 2016 minutes with a clarification on the specifics on the band instrument event (instruments to be donated only, no resales). Carried.

Superintendent's Report - Paul Farris

Paul reported that the M&O levy and Tech levy both passed with 60+% approval. He's very appreciative of all the many volunteers who helped. They are still working on the district website, understanding that those rolling out the building sites are also teaching full time. Paul was very complimentary of the Foundation fundraiser in February, and thanked the Board for their hard work. Morgan staff members are gathering information regarding the name and school colors for the new middle school. There will be opportunities for the community to weigh in on this decision.

Treasurer's Report- Richard Wachsmith

In Richard's absence, Dick presented the financial report. There was very little activity. Dick did let the Board know there was a \$600 matching fund from Microsoft via Ken Charlton. Dick spoke to Ken and they agreed the money can be dedicated to the Caring Cupboard fundraiser.

Musical Instrument Event

Jeff Snedeker presented the overall scope of the band instrument event to be held on March 8th, 2016. Through his Music Advocacy course, college student Haley Stevenson created a project to benefit the band students of the Ellensburg School District by allowing community members the opportunity to donate used instruments and receive a tax deduction. There are two appraisers attending, and Trish Perna will be on site with donation forms and our Square to collect any possible cash donations. Dick moved/Trish seconded to allocate \$1700 from the budget line 'Excellence In Music' toward costs associated with repairing donated instruments. Carried. The event will be held at 6:30 pm in the EHS Choir Room. Jeff thanked the Board for their participation and support of this event.

Committee Reports

Correspondence

None.

Annual Meeting- April 6th, 2016

Jeff will be in charge of inviting our Associate Groups and others affiliated with our Board, including grant recipients. The Palace Restaurant is the likely venue, with email updates to be sent this month. Jeff suggested we consider tokens of appreciation for outgoing Board members Richard Wachsmith and Bob Titus, both founding members of the Board. Jeff will research possible ideas and we will vote by email.

Officers and Board

Missy is working on filling the Executive positions and announced that Richard will not renew his position as Treasurer. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of locating a paid financial person to do the forms needed to keep the Board in compliance, as we don't currently have a member willing to step into the full Treasurer position. Missy will have the slate of officers ready for vote at the retreat on April 6th.

Fundraising

Mary distributed the most updated 2016 fundraiser budget with actual income and expenditures, as well as the compiled notes from the Board regarding what went well and what can be improved for next year.

Mini Grants

Dick presented the final draft of the new mini grant paperwork. Mike moved and Trish seconded that part of the application instructions should state that all winners of mini grants are to attend the upcoming Foundation Annual Fundraiser. Carried.

Brochures

The Gyllings have the most updated copy of the tile sale form. Mary will update the Foundation brochure and add Caring Cupboard information.

Other Business

The Board discussed the possibility of sending someone to the National Conference. It was unanimously decided that this was not a good use of our current funds (a one day event requiring 3 days of travel). Dick was asked to continue sending information to the Board regarding Non Profit news he receives.

New Business- none

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 am.

Next meeting- April 6th - 6:45 am, Palace Restaurant

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gordon
ESDEF Secretary