#### Ellensburg School District Education Foundation Board Meeting Minutes • Tuesday, May 3, 2022 • 5:15 p.m. MMS Room A348 and Zoom

Present:Mike McCloskey, Mary Gordon, Lowell Murphree (Zoom), Michele Cawley (Zoom),Maureen Rust, Jason WhiteAbsent:Jen Carkner, Jinger Haberer

Welcome and Call to Order – Mary called the meeting to order at 5:16

**Approval of April Annual Meeting 2022 Minutes**- Upon a motion by Dick and a second by Lowell, the minutes for the April meeting were approved.

# **Treasurer's Report** – Dick reported that April

- Received \$550 donations, plus one tile sale. Currently at 5 tile sales. Recommend that senior party advertise tile sales to the seniors.
- Several groups still have not paid for their insurance. Dick will follow-up with them.
- Early Learning has been paid for their enhancement grant. No other winners have asked for reimbursement yet. Michele will follow-up with each winner.
- Fairgrounds have been paid for our Superbowl event.
- \$41,233 in checking
- \$1,398,417 in restricted funds
- \$60,635 in unrestricted
- \$14,213 in Caring Cupboard
- Total assets: \$1,459,051

**Superintendent's Update** – Jinger was unable to attend. Recommend you view her April Smore update. <u>https://www.smore.com/d5zpy</u>

School Board Update- Jason had no report.

### **Committee Reports/Activities**

- o Board Membership Plans going forward Just need to keep discussing this and increase our numbers.
- o Caring Cupboard Mary reports that it was a quiet month, other than some lice issues.
  - 1. Support from Fred Meyer- Maureen approached an assistant manager about getting donations. He gave her a form. She has been completing the form online. They will respond in 4-8 weeks. She has requested \$400.

o Learning Enhancement Awards- Michele

- 1. Updates for next year? Michele discussed our desire to increase the number of applicants. People liked that it was renamed an "award" instead of a grant. The online application was well-received. Michele will send something to Jason who will ask Jinger to advertise it this spring.
- 2. Website announcement Mary will put it on the website.
- 3. Plaques at classroom door and in front office buildings Discussion about design of plaque.

o National Convention- Michele and Lowell report

- Took place March 2-4.
- Smallest district in attendance had 1200 students
- Lowell shared that ALL foundations are as different as can be
- There is a professional certification program. Info on website
- Suggest we look at code of ethics and founding principles
- Lowell thought the conference was good. He learned:
  - Mission of Foundation is to support district by raising money
  - Fundraising: Annual campaign, grants, individual donors, special events
  - Suggests we set goals, and publicize to community at large to do an annual campaign.
  - Attended a session which suggests a campaign with teachers and administrators
  - Recommend we develop corporate relationships with local entities.
  - Discussion about technology education and how it is a great equalizer
  - Shared guidance about small foundations and staffing. "If you think you need paid staff, you do!"
  - Alumni programs are a big part of some foundations
  - His big take-away Hope is an important part of what we do. He shared a book about hope which was given at the conference. He recommends we explore this idea.
- Michele shared:
  - "I really like who we are and what we do. We are appropriate for our community"
  - Suggests we add our mission statement and Board Ends to the top of each agenda as a reminder.
  - We should be proud of who we are and what we accomplished! We should share a story at each meeting about what we have accomplished.
- o Scholarships Mike shared that 27 applications were received and they have been doled out to the sponsors. Sponsors will notify Michael Johansen of the winners to be announced at senior scholarship night. Mike will work to get pictures of each winner.
- o Staff Appreciation Mary Today is Teachers Appreciation Day. She will try to coordinate efforts for something at the end of the school year.
- o Website Mary shared that she has updated several pages and will continue to do so.
  - Dick asked if we should add a sponsorship page to acknowledge our donors. We will discuss more at retreat.
- o Youth Awards No report

# Old Business

- o Fundraiser
  - 1. Proceeds from 2022 Dick sent out the updated figures.
  - 2. Planning for 2023 Discussion about one or two retreats. Mary will send out a poll.

#### New Business

- For the Good of the Order Maureen shared about a town in Connecticut which held a panel of graduates who would return at Thanksgiving to speak to juniors and seniors and share their experiences. Suggest we discuss at retreat.
- Lowell is attempting to view video from conference about including student board members. He will report at a future date.
- Adjournment at 6:20

### Next meeting: June 6, 2022, MMS

Last day of school: Friday, June 17 First day of school: Wednesday, September 7 First day of Kindergarten: Monday, September 12

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike McCloskey Secretary