

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McCloskey". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mike McCloskey
Secretary