

Greenwood Education Foundation Board Meeting Agenda

May 11th, 2026

1. Call to Order

2. Treasurer's Report - Peter

3. Approval of Minutes - Amy

4. Monthly Icebreaker - none

5. Committees

A. Special Events - Dawn & Chloe

1. Bags & Bourbon Bingo Re-cap - Amanda

2. Rock the Block Re-cap - Tiffany

B. GEF Cares - Julia & Tracie

1. Fast Track Update

2. Fall 2026 plans

C. Monte Carlo - Megan & David

1. No report

D. Grants - Amy

1. Spring & Super Grant Presentation

E. Scholarships - Peter

1. Scholarships awarded May 19, 2026, 12 recipients

6. Old Business

A. None

7. New Business

A. New Board Member Selection

B. Summer Social and Retreat dates - see below

C. Executive Team position - Secretary

D. ED Evaluation & Compensation

8. Next Meeting Date - June Social - Sunday, June 28th @ Arni's - 5:00

August Opening Meeting/Retreat - Saturday, August 22nd, 9-12, location TBD

Amy, Angie, Dawn, Jen, Julia, & Mike - THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK & DEDICATION TO GEF!

You are appreciated!

ED REPORT - 5/11/26

Book Vending Machines: the women of Psi Iota Xi made a visit to Southwest Elementary to view the book vending machine. They have dedicated \$1,000 to purchase supplemental books for each of the four vending machines. The check should be arriving shortly and will be disbursed soon after. Williams Comfort Air has also pledged to purchase books to fill the machines for the next school year. We are working with Michelle Jackson and possibly Ann Rhinehart to help make selections.

Grants: We have received a \$2000 grant from the Mockingbird Foundation to assist with the "Elementary Keys to Success" grant that was awarded in December. This was a very competitive grant process and we were selected! We also received two separate grants from Spark Good for the Project(ion) and Cutting into Creativity grants also awarded in December. The Greenwood Moose Lodge made a \$1,500 contribution to our New Teacher Grant program in April. I am attending their annual celebration program/dinner on May 7th to meet their national president and speak on how the funds will be used. A grant has been submitted to JCREMC for \$1,600 to fund the new DBT therapy group the middle school is wanting to start next year.

Rock the Block- the event was a success and we received a total of \$1,940 for our participation- the most we've ever received! The Garrett Family Foundation was a title sponsor and made an additional pledge to add 25% on top of our funds! We should be receiving this check by the end of the month.

Candid- the GEF profile on Candid has been claimed and updated. This is a nonprofit database used by grant makers and grant recipients alike. I have added detailed information to our profile to propel us to Gold Certification, making us more visible to potential grant makers.

Major Gifts- I have been speaking with Scott and Jessica Dowling for a few months. Our talks have progressed and they are considering making an annual DAF contribution to the GEF. A special DAF guidebook was created for them to walk through areas of giving and other things to consider when making significant contributions. They will finalize their plans and circle around when a decision on amount and programs have been determined. Dr. Nalin & Mona Shah have pledged to fund the Super Grant annually as the Executive Team agreed to allow Nalin to be one reviewer and rename the grant to "Dr. Nalin and Mona Shah Super Grant." An MOU is in the works and will be signed by both parties. David Hamernik's gift agreement is still being worked out. Once he decides his funding priorities, a formal gift agreement will be signed. At this point in time, he has indicated that he plans to grow the fund in the coming years.

Grant Writing Conference- In April, INAPEF held a two-day conference in Brownsburg on effective grant writing. It was a very beneficial day and much was learned!

Committee Handbook- I have been working with the committee chairs on weekly tasks when compiling their committee handbook. We have covered topics such as: purpose & scope, roles and leadership, calendar and work load, contacts and vendors, standard operating procedures and rules/policies, and next week we will wrap it up with transition and succession for new leaders.

Events- the Teachers on the Town Appreciation event will take place Friday, May 8th. We have 11 businesses participating in Old Town and a variety of other businesses who donated items/certificates to be raffled off. The business community has gotten behind this event with a strong show of support. Yard signs, flyers, program guides, banners, and other forms of promotional materials have all been created. In addition to Centier & Raptor Roofing's support, Edward Jones also donated \$500 to be put towards securing items. In addition to the free educator special coupons, staff will receive a door prize and raffle basket entry. There are 10 door prizes and 10 raffle baskets. Mo's bourbon dinner was sold out in early April. As a result, Mo's has agreed to open up 15 more seats, giving us a total of 120 guests. We will have a few items for auction and Mo's is doing a bourbon pull where GEF will receive a portion of the proceeds. I will have a final amount of funds raised after the event is over.