

Greenwood Education Foundation Board Meeting Agenda

March 10, 2025

1. Call to Order

2. Treasurer's Report - Peter

- A. No report - see Peter's email in his absence

3. Approval of Minutes - Amy

4. Monthly Icebreaker - Tiffany

- A. none this month

5. Committees

A. Special Events - Dawn & Chloe

- 1. Bags & Bourbon Bingo update
- 2. Teacher Appreciation Week
 - a. Budget for teacher appreciation week

B. GEF Cares - Julia & Tracie

- 1. School Supply Distribution
- 2. Teacher/Staff communication regarding Helping Hands

C. Monte Carlo - Megan & David

- 1. Wrap Up

D. Grants - Amy

- 1. General Update

E. Scholarships - Peter

- 1. Scholarship(s) deadline - Megan (for Peter)

6. Old Business

A. Community Cares Center Fund - Tiffany

7. New Business

A. Alumni keychains - request for funds - Tiffany

B. New Board Member Candidates - Joe

C. Moving money to an investment CD - Joe (for Peter)

8. Next Meeting Date - April 14th

February ED Report

Colt's Kicking the Stigma- A grant proposal has been submitted for our mental health initiative. The grant process has changed this year and is a two-part application. The first step is to submit a proposal of your concept. After review, the Colt's team will open up the official grant application on an invite only basis. I have submitted the first part of this process. Funding was requested to bolster our Highlight Mental Health week and fund music & DBT therapies at our schools. Our goal is to move away from CDBG funding as the paperwork is proving to be too much a hurdle for families and curbing enrollment.

Donor Appreciation Meetings- Meetings with donors at GMS continue to be well received. New meetings were held with Steve & Donna Jones as well as Tomi (Dave was called into work last minute) Lessaris. The QUEST team really enjoys this special activity and Mr. Campbell and Mr. Dean have been gracious enough to let us visit their classes to view their student projects. We will continue to expand our list of teachers we can visit so we do not create a burden for these two men. Modern Woodmen and Raptor Restoration have been contacted for a March visit and I am just waiting to hear on their availability.

Memorial Donations- Jeanne Hamernik, a very loved teacher at NE from '72-'02, passed away on February 6th. The family requested donations be made to GEF in her memory. Since then, we have received \$2,175 with another \$1,000 donation expected to arrive in her name this month. Through this process, I have worked with our Charity Proud technician to create a customized memorial thank you letter that is sent out to donors as well as a donation summary letter that can be sent to the designated family contact. As a part of this process, I've been in touch with Jeanne's daughter multiple times and have updated her frequently on the donation status.

Youth Leadership Academy- A student meeting was held on February 13th during Power Hour for any sophomore or junior who is interested in applying. Current student participants spoke at the meeting about the program, and I informed students of the financial assistance GEF is offering to our students. In all, 13 students were in attendance. The application deadline was Friday, March 7th.

Teacher Appreciation Donations- I have reached out to a few businesses and received either donations or pledges for Teacher Appreciation week. Currently, I have \$1,250 pledged but expect to receive communication from another donor next week who expressed interest.

JCCF Grant- We have received \$5,000 from JCCF. This is the annual "Education Foundation" grant they award. This dollar amount falls well below the dollar ranges of some other grant opportunities they offer that we could qualify for. However, because these grants have been designated for us at the start of the year, JCCF has specifically asked all ED foundations not to apply for their other grants. This may be something they reconsider in the future. I have been asked to be a part of JCCF's advisory committee as they begin the process for their new strategic development plan. I have committed and am scheduled to meet on Monday, March 10th.

Alumni Relations- I am scheduled to meet with Kathy Pendleton on March 13th to discuss the upcoming "All Class Reunion." GEF's role in this event is to help provide digital payment options for alumni wishing to attend. These payments would then be deposited into the alumni account so the "alumni association" can plan the event. This option will make acquiring a ticket easier and in return, bolster attendance. GEF will benefit from this partnership by having more alumni contacts identified in our database. I am also looking into ways we can identify soon to be alumni in the senior class.