

Greenwood Education Foundation Board Meeting Agenda

April 13th, 2026

1. Call to Order

2. Treasurer's Report - Peter

3. Approval of Minutes - Amy

4. Monthly Icebreaker - none

4. Committees

A. Special Events - Dawn & Chloe

1. Bags & Bourbon Bingo Update - reminder of jobs
2. Rock the Block Update - Mike

B. GEF Cares - Julia & Tracie

1. No report

C. Monte Carlo - Megan & David

1. No report

D. Grants - Amy

1. Spring & Super Grant Approval

E. Scholarships - Peter

1. Deadline passed; team meeting April 30th for selection

5. Old Business

A. None

6. New Business

A. C9 donation

B. Summer Social and Retreat dates - June 28th & August 22nd

C. Committee Charters/Handbooks

7. Next Meeting Date - May 11th, 2026 **last meeting of this school year**

GRANT APPLICATIONS - The following grants have been applied for: INAPEF Food Insecurity - \$2,000 requested, Spark Good - \$860 for "Stayin' Alive (1 mannequin and 1 AED training machine), Spark Good - \$750 for "Cutting into Creativity" (two machines plus materials), Everwise Foundation - \$3,000 for Highlight Mental Health 2026

GRANT AWARDS - we have been notified of the following grant awards: Spark Good- \$500 for "Project-ion" GHS grant.

MOOSE LODGE PARTNERSHIP - I approached the Greenwood Moose Lodge and informed them of a partnership request, similar to our Kiwanis set up with coats. The concept was taken back to their board and discussed. They Greenwood Moose Lodge has pledged \$1,500 to the GEF for the New Teacher Grant program. This was something their group liked and felt had wide impact. I will attend a check presentation on May 7th to receive the funds. I plan to have conversation with them to see if this can become a routine program they would like to donate towards.

SHAH SUPER GRANT - The Executive Team has been in discussion with Nalin and Mona Shah regarding long-term support of the Super Grant. For the past two years, the Shahs have generously funded the \$5,000 award, and an agreement has been reached to establish the grant as the Shah Super Grant (exact name still being determined), ensuring ongoing funding in perpetuity. As part of their continued engagement with GEF, Dr. Shah will participate in the grant review process alongside other community evaluators, following established evaluation procedures and governance practices. An MOU outlining the details of this partnership and recognition will be finalized in the coming weeks.

MO'S BOURBON DINNER - This event has had a huge amount of interest! As of Tuesday, Darla confirmed there are only 20 seats remaining. They are going to cap the seats at 100. There is no board requirement or help needed for this event. However, if you'd like to attend, send in your RSVP before seats are gone. There will be a wine pairing offered for those who do not like bourbon.

BOOK DONOR - Liz Hall reached out to me earlier in March. She would like to make a memorial donation to honor her late mother. She had specific things she was looking to fund that paired with her mother's interests. After working with Amy and evaluating the spring grants, it was determined that Liz and her family would like to make a monetary contribution to fund specific "I Spy" books requested at GMS. This donation will be presented as a private donation in her mother's name passed through GEF and not categorized as a GEF spring grant.

TEACHER APPRECIATION EVENT IN OLD TOWN - Planning for the Teacher Appreciation event in Old Town Greenwood is progressing well and all major elements of the event are finalized. As a reminder, this event was developed earlier this year as part of customized sponsorship packages approved by the Board for Raptor Roofing and Centier Bank, creating a new opportunity to recognize and celebrate Greenwood educators while expanding community partnerships. A small team of board members met in December to brainstorm ideas discuss the logistics of this event.

The event will take place Friday, May 8, beginning at 4:00 PM in Old Town Greenwood. We have received enthusiastic confirmation from participating businesses including SIP Cocktails, Smocktown Brewery, Main Street Vintage, Draft Day Pub, H2Nutrition, Vino Villa, La Trattoria, and Abby's Closet. Centier Bank and Raptor Roofing will host check-in at Draft Day Pub, where educators will receive wristbands unlocking one-night-only "Educator Specials" at participating locations. Educators may also enter complimentary raffle drawings at check-in, with each business contributing a prize. Because entries are free of charge, no gaming license is required.

Operationally, the event requires minimal GEF help beyond educator verification and wristband distribution. I plan to work the event so participation from board members or volunteers is welcome but not necessary. Educators enrolled in the payroll deduction program will receive a Gold Ticket redeemable for one complimentary Educator Special, funded through sponsorship support. Event signage is currently in production to promote participating businesses, highlight educator specials, and communicate event details to GWS staff.

With the event four weeks away, logistics, partnerships, and promotional materials are in place and the event is moving forward as planned.