

BOARD MINUTES



Date: 5/12/25

Location: Greenwood Administration Building

Attendance: Joe Harding (President), Amy Jones (Secretary), Megan Zaborowsky (Vice President), Peter Goerner (Treasurer), Julia Reynolds, Dawn Arnold, Phil Strack, Chloe Moton, Tracie Rhyneerson, Mike Zafiroff, Jen Whitson, Angie Glynn, Mark Wallischeck, Dr. Terry Terhune (*ex-officio*), Tiffany Woods (Executive Director)

**before the meeting we took the annual board picture

1. Call to order 7:04 p.m.
2. Treasurer's Report: Peter
 - a. Peter reports that checks for grants came out this month and that the Shah family donated \$5000 to cover the cost of the Super Grant; we have received donations totaling just over \$9K in honor of Jeanne Hamernick (NE retired teacher who passed); received grant money from INAPEF; GHS returned \$5500 of unspent grant funds; spent \$3800 of unexpected bus repairs; \$449 shows up in the report that accounts for pass through monies being collected for the alumni dinner
 - b. **Motion to Approve Treasurer's Financial Report by Julia R., second by Mike Z., Board Approved.**
3. Review of the Minutes of the February meeting:
 - a. No changes; **Motion to Approve March Minutes by Angie G., Second by Chloe M., Board approved.**
4. Monthly Icebreaker – Tiffany - Philanthropic Development
 - a. Tiffany hands out a document that reflects donor retention and acquisition from this year's Monte Carlo, Swing for the Green, and Bingo; compared data to goals set at the outset of the year and we retained 89% and had 30% new growth of sponsors;
 - b. Discussion on thoughts regarding retention – things GEF has done that helps lead to this success including personal contact with donors/sponsors after an event, phone calls, sharing the impact of the dollars that are donated
 - c. TW shares note to the GEF Board from Dave Hamernick, widower of Jeanne Hamernick, that included \$3800 donation (\$100 for each year she taught at NE)
 - i. TW shares a photograph of the display case at NE that features Tony Antonelli and shares his story and relationship with Mrs. Hamernick
 - ii. Dave Hamernick and Tiffany will coordinate to write a welcome/highlight letter to new teachers at NE for the start of the next school year
5. Committees:
 - a. Special Events (report from Dawn):

- i. Teacher Appreciation – team shares follow up impressions and stories from last week’s donut/cookie deliveries to the schools from GEF; well received, great feedback, and greatly appreciated by everyone
 - b. GEF Cares:
 - i. Fast Track – Tracie shares information about the event scheduled for 7/23 @SAC; working with Lindsey Dahl (SSA) at Isom; deadline 5/23 for numbers
 - ii. School Supply Drive – will be in July; will have a list of needs and be deliberate about collecting needed items; team asks board to help with promotion of drive once the information is available; will have donation boxes (Phil volunteers to put a couple boxes at locations of a couple of this year’s sponsors he is connected with);
 - a. Estimate of donated supplies from last year’s collection valued at \$5193
 - iii. Tracie will contact Donna since she has the connection at Milto’s to get coats cleaned
 - iv. Julia reports that GEF will be the recipient of the Rotary Club donation (we were the only applicant); money will be used for school supplies and there is a sweat equity component that involves RC members volunteering time to fill bins etc.
 - a. Julia shares info about 9/25 clay shooting annual fundraising event for RC at Indiana Gun Club – may be an opportunity for GEF to send some people in the event more participants are needed; more info to come
 - v. Highlight Mental Health – week of 9/8; game/tailgate 9/12
 - vi. Coats, Cuts, Cookies 11/12
 - c. Scholarships – Peter reports that scholarships will be announced on Honor Day, 5/20, 7 scholarships and 15 winners
 - i. New scholarship started this past week – Paige Rauschuber at WW leading the charge for a scholarship in honor of David Ennis’s 10 years as the principal at Westwood; graduating seniors who attended WW would be eligible; funds are already being raised
 - d. Monte Carlo – nothing to report this month
 - e. Grants - Amy reports that grant awards were handed out on 5/1 and shared details about how those award presentations went; all follow up emails were sent to those applicants who did not win the SG or who didn’t get a spring grant; will work with David and Tiffany to start getting ideas together for a fall grant writing training
6. Old Business:
 - a. Board Retreat - August 2nd 9 am at GPL
 - b. June Family Night – we will have an event on June 25th at 6:30 to welcome new board members and to bring families to share a meal and one another’s company; final details on location will be forthcoming
 - c. Alumni Engagement information:
 - i. TW plans to meet with graduating seniors at their graduation rehearsal and will talk about being alumni etc.
 - ii. All class alumni dinner 7/19, anyone who signs up via QR code will be new to us; trying to get younger alumni to attend; Kathy Pendleton has designated a GEF

table and a time for us to speak at the event, also GEF is allowed to have a raffle basket at our table if we wish; TW thinks \$150 will cover items for a basket

- a. **Motion to Approve \$150 to acquire items for raffle basket for alumni dinner by Tracie R., second by Chloe M., Board Approved.**

7. New Business

- a. New board member approval – Joe shares brief information about the EC’s interviews with Amanda Smith and Michelle Maslowski; **Joe makes Motion to Approve Amanda Smith and Michelle Maslowski as new GEF board members, second by Jen W., Board Approved.**
- b. Committee role discussion – google form will be sent for board members to indicate preference for which committee/leadership roles each member wants for next term; EC will get together before next general board meeting to finalize those details

8. **Adjourned meeting at 8:05 p.m.**

Next Regular Meeting: July 14, 2025, 7 p.m.

Electronic Vote Acknowledgements:

May 21, 2025 - Email Motion by Julia R. on behalf of Cares Team for a Helping Hands request - asking board approval for \$450 for a Westwood student’s family that includes a single, pregnant mother of four who is facing eviction. Funds would be used for rent assistance.

- a. Email yays – Angie, Chloe, David, Jen, Phil, Mark, Shawn, Dawn, Peter, Mike, Megan, Julia, Tracie, Joe, Amy
- b. Majority vote, **approved**