BOARD MINUTES

Date: 11/10/25

Location: Administration Building

Attendance: Megan Zaborowsky (Vice President, presiding), Amy Jones (Secretary), Peter Goerner (Treasurer), Amanda Smith, Julia Reynolds, Jen Whitson, Tracie Rhynearson, Phil Strack, Dawn Arnold, Chloe Moton, David Dean, Mike Zafiroff, Michelle Maslowski, Angie Glynn, Tiffany Woods (Executive Director), Dr. Terhune (ex-officio); *not present Mark Wallischeck*

1. Call to Order 7:01 p.m.
2. Megan addresses Joe's email resignation, sent to board members on 11/8/25; per bylaws Megan will temporarily fill in as the President of the board until a new person is elected to complete Joe's term. Megan advises that she is not interested in filling the role, but will step in as required, and invites board members to get in contact if they are interested; brief explanation of what Bylaws require in this circumstance
3. Treasurer's Report
    a. Peter gives an update – over 50K has come in for the Whitson scholarship; this scholarship will be offered in the spring of 2026; GEF has received the 6K Rotary Club donation; our accounting bill for our 990 IRS filing increased dramatically (from $1400 to $3900) and board is invited to share any accounting contacts with Peter so we can shop around for a less expensive alternative
    b. **Motion to Approve Financial Report by Jen W.; Second by Chloe M.; Board approved.**
4. Minutes - review of the Minutes of the October meeting; no changes**; Motion to Approve October Minutes by Peter G., Second by Chloe M., Board approved.**
5. Committee Reports
    a. Special Events - Chloe
        i. Cash for Class Update – as of today 93 tickets sold, will keep selling until 12/5 Alumni game; reminder to board members to sell 5-10 tickets and update the spreadsheet
        ii. Alumni Night – 12/5, sign-up sheet passed around for help with the event
        iii. Grateful for Greenwood campaign 11/1-11/28; underway and hippos performed 4 times last week, well received, 60 items purchased so far
    b. GEF Cares:
        i. Coats, Cuts, & Cookies – sponsors are Everwise and Kiwanis Club sending volunteers for the event; total number of families registered – 168; 300 coats, 107 boys cuts, 58 girls cuts; everything set to go for the event; Tracie shares information about families registered for event – 4 families from households making $75,000+, 27 families from households making $50,000-$75,000, 63

families from households making $25,000-$49,000, 74 families from households making under $25,000

c. Monte Carlo – as of today we have $34,150 in sponsorships (27 sponsors and 5 of those are new); need help getting additional sponsors and this is a tough time of year, but we are now in a crunch; discussion about sponsor list and emailing those people who have not yet been contacted, see list
d. Scholarships – nothing new to report other than information previously shared about Whitson scholarship when TR was given at start of meeting
e. Grants
    i. Woodmen Way Student Grant – two applicants, one winner; one applicant disqualified for not complying with grant terms (no group, team etc. and duplicate idea to Stayin Alive fall grant);
        a. Team recommends approval of Caje Pershing (student), staff sponsor Annie Ginn, "Greenwood Ghostbusters", GHS, $802.34
            1. This grant request was for $533.99; Grants team recommends $802.34 (instead of $1000 budgeted) to offset overage on Fall grants; **Motion by Amy J. on behalf of Grants for approval, Second by Julia R., Board Approved.**
    ii. Fall grants – Amy presents Fall Grant applications in order of highest scoring grants to lowest; explanations given regarding any issues or limits related to applications, admin review, budget adjustments, and Grant team discussion; of the 21 fall applications, the following are recommended for approval in the following amounts:
        a. "Cutting Into Creativity: Empowering STEM Students with Safe Prototyping Tools", $2487.45, Mark Snodgrass, GMS
        b. "SoundBytes: Literary Studies and Digital Literacy", $2403.63, Howard Esterline and Jordan Lowe, GMS
        c. "Ready, Set, Success! A Gamified Approach to Student-Centered Career Readiness", $1750, Rachel Martin, GMS
        d. "Set the Standard, Raise the Bar; Recognizing Excellence in PE", $362.50, Tracy Havens, Jordan Rader, Cody Honeycutt, Jackie Ferguson, GMS
        e. "Peace & Quiet: The Power of Silence During Testing", $2107.20, Emma Brown, GMS
        f. "Blastoff with Breakouts", $1592, Lisa Bricker, Westwood (for all schools)
        g. "Elementary Keys to Success", Kristen Guimaraes, $2000, Northeast
        h. "Play with Purpose", $1500, Cassandra Hockersmith, GHS
        i. "Every Voice Understood: Translation Tools for Inclusive Learning", $2449.93, Angela Jones, GHS
        j. "Project(ion)", $1242.92, Sun-Young Gullery, GHS
        k. "Stayin' Alive", $2302.03, Libby Cruzan, GHS/all schools (school corporation nurse)

Motion by Amy J. on behalf of Grants for approval of the fall grants listed above (a-k) in the amount of $20,197.66, Second by Mike Z., Board Approved.

iii. Grants will be distributed during the first week of December
iv. Michelle M. has agreed to chair Grants team next year

6. Old Business
    a. Trunk & Treat (at transportation center) – great event, GEF just did set up, Raptor did the heavy lifting, GEF set up a table and was able to sell a handful of raffle tickets
7. New Business
    a. Donna Jones Service Award – Megan advises that recommendations for recipients of this award are welcome starting 11/12 through December 31st; winner will be announced at the Monte Carlo event and will remain a surprise to the recipient; Megan reads the official description of the award for board members
    b. Board Resolution for Endowment Account – Peter reminds board of our approval regarding using Modern Woodmen to deposit $150K in order to establish an endowment fund; in order to proceed Beau Jackson asked that GEF pass an investment resolution giving MW authority to move forward; Peter reads the language of a proposed resolution to the board; **Motion by Angie G. to pass the investment resolution presented by Peter, Second by Tracie R., Board approved**
    c. Peter also suggests that we update our authorization language regarding banking since the last time transactional authorization was discussed as a board TW was still President, and we did not have a full time ED; discussion with Board regarding current bylaw language; **Peter G. Moves that GEF approve the Executive Director as a board designated agent to access and transact with all bank accounts and investments per the approved Bylaws; Second by David D.; Board Approved.**
8. Adjourned 8:16 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: January 12, 2026, 7 p.m.; NO DECEMBER BOARD MEETING