BOARD MINUTES

Date: 3/9/26

Location: Administration Building

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

1. Call to order 7:01 p.m.
2. Treasurer's Report
    a. Still waiting on some MC sponsor checks; should net close to 70K from MC; Grant expenses for the year went down as a result of returned funds for unspent grants from GHS
    b. **Motion to Approve Treasurer's Financial Report by Chloe M.; Second by Michelle M.; Board approved.**
3. Approval of Minutes - review of the Minutes from the February meeting,
        i. No additional changes; **Motion to Approve February Minutes by Jen W., Second by Mark W., Board approved.**
4. Monthly Ice Breaker – Recruiting
    a. TW gives a Monte Carlo recap from previous years; highlights that in 2018 we raised around 26K; discussion about growth
        i. Several MC attendees reached out after the event, overall very positive feedback and praise for the event
    b. Recruiting Conversation – TW hangs the post its from the Feb. meeting back on the wall; reminder about the information session for potential recruits on 3/16/26
        i. all the people on the wall have been invited to come, and the goal is to get people there irrespective of their level of interest of involvement and capacity
        ii. we need to be able to list the ways that people can interact with GEF – break into committee groups to discuss and list out ways that each committee can use volunteers/how can volunteers assist committees
        iii. shared at least one idea from each committee
            a. SE – ambassadors/greeting
            b. Cares – inventory help
            c. Grants – evaluators/marketing
            d. MC – day availability, runners, brainstorming business contacts
5. Committee Reports
    a. Special Events - Chloe
        i. Bags and Bourbon Bingo – sold 205 tickets; 91 still available; 4 his/hers raffle baskets; looking for 4 more bottles of bourbon; sign-up sheet passed around for

event night; 5 game sponsors (7 still available); Peter reminds board members they cannot play or participate in raffle

ii. Rock the Block – we are in 5th place right now; Mike reached out to track and cross-country coaches; encouraged people to sign up and share information on the event

b. GEF Cares – no report; Fast Track Wednesday 7/22 GHS 5 p.m.

c. Monte Carlo – Megan gives a wrap up and thank you to everyone; we made around 70K profit; we started 10.5K down in regular sponsorships at the start of the year; we also had an increase in overall costs to run the event this year

i. Megan shared some feedback from the event about food, greeters being helpful, bar by silent auction well liked, overall positive feedback, a few comments on program length (we are already mindful of this, and it is what people are there for so nothing to really do)

ii. Reminder about thank yous and phone calls; special thank you to Megan for all of her work and leadership

d. Scholarships – deadline was March 6th

e. Grants - Amy gives update on this cycle's Super Grant – one of the applications is disqualified because the applicant did not in fact get administrator approval and support, despite indicating on the application approval had been obtained; next board meeting will be a grants results meeting for the spring cycle

6. Old Business

a. Mo's Beneficiary Dinner – May 14th at 6:30 p.m.; Buffalo Trace; nothing is required of GEF's board, just asked to share event on social media; $150/person for a 5 course meal and BT bourbon pairings; this is Mo's first bourbon dinner; up to 150 tickets can be sold (this would fill the restaurant) and a portion of the ticket/bottle sales goes to GEF; we are permitted to have auction items if we wish

7. New Business

a. Executive Director Goals (following review) – TW shares a handout with the board outlining three shorter term (6-9 mos.) goals as the ED and explains each; Megan gives some context to the board about how the ED goals were developed at the EC and as part of Tiffany's review process

i. Board Portal - link shared for viewing, just a template for now; this will be a place for important information and details restricted to board members only

ii. Charters for Committees – TW has a plan to work with committee chairs to get details set up and for each team to have a charter before the next term starts

iii. New Board Orientation – designated orientation for all incoming new board members; trying to have seamless onboarding

b. GEF Information Session – 3/16/26 at 5:30 p.m.; TW reads list of RSVPs and asks board members to email anyone you have personally nominated if they are not on the list to invite them to the event; board discussion about how to handle follow-up with the attendees and a process for inviting people to get involved with GEF after the event

8. Adjourned 8:16 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: April 13, 2026