

BOARD MINUTES



Date: July 13, 2026

Location: Administration Building

Attendance: Megan Zaborowsky (President, presiding), Peter Goerner (Treasurer), Samantha Cridlin (Secretary), Erin Biggs, Michelle Maslowski, Ashley McLaughlin, Chloe Moton, Stephanie Nichols, Tracie Rhynearson, Jennifer Soster, Phil Strack, Mark Wallischeck, Tiffany Woods (Executive Director); **not present** David Dean, Amanda Smith, Krissy Strack, Dr. Terry Terhune (ex-officio).

1. Call to Order – 7:04 p.m.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Peter reviewed the Treasurer's Report and noted that GEF concluded the 2025-2026 fiscal year on a strong financial footing.
 - b. Motion to Approve Treasurer's Financial Report by Chloe M.; Second by Jennifer S.; Board approved.**
3. Approval of Minutes – review of the Minutes of the May meeting
 - i. Motion to Approve May 11, 2026 Board Minutes by Mark W.; Second by Phil S.; Board approved.**
 - ii. Motion to Approve July 6, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes by Chloe M.; Second by Mark W.; Board approved.**
4. Monthly Ice Breaker
 - a. Tiffany Woods led introductions and welcomed new Board members.
 - b. Board members were encouraged to use their name tents during the next several meetings to help everyone become acquainted.
 - c. Tiffany introduced this year's Board theme, 'One Mission; Many Strengths,' through a mission focused team activity.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Special Events – Phil
 - i. Phil reported the committee held its first meeting and continues planning for the Pouring Into the Future fundraiser on September 17 at Vino Villa featuring Straight Up Chumps. Tickets will be \$25 and available soon.
 - ii. Planning continues for the Homecoming Alumni Breakfast on September 26 at Greenwood High School. Specially recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the marching band's state championship win. Board volunteers will be needed.

iii. National Night Out will be held August 4. GEF will host a booth with two raffle drawings.

iv. Motion to Approve the purchase of two \$50 gift cards for National Night Out by Phil S.; Second by Chloe M.; Board approved.

b. GEF Cares – Tracie

i. Fast Track is scheduled for July 22 from 5:00–7:30 p.m. with 174 families registered.

ii. Planning continues for Highlight Mental Health, September 8–11. Volunteers will be needed throughout the week. This year's color is Highlighter Yellow.

iii. Motion to Add Stephanie N. as Board Committee member, Ann Briggs, and Kaija Begala to the GEF Cares Committee by Tracie R.; Second by Erin B.; Board approved.

c. Monte Carlo – Chloe

i. Monte Carlo is scheduled for February 27, 2027 at Crane Bay Event Center. Committee meetings begin in August.

ii. Chloe and David Dean will serve as co-chairs. The sponsor Google docs spreadsheet is available on the Board Portal under Monte Carlo Committee.

iii. Daniel Johnson will continue serving as a volunteer rather than a committee member.

iv. Motion to Add Samantha Cridlin as a Board committee member, continue Angie Glynn, add Dawn Arnold as an as needed volunteer, and add Melissa Barlow and Megan Polesel as committee members by Chloe M.; Second by Tracie R.; Board approved.

d. Grants – Michelle

i. The committee's first meeting is scheduled for August. New Teacher Grant applications close September 15.

ii. Motion to Appoint Michelle Maslowski as Committee Chair, add Krissy Strack as a Board committee member, continue Mark Wallischeck and David Dean, and continue Amy Jones as a non-Board committee member by Michelle M.; Second by Mark W.; Board approved.

e. Scholarships – Peter

i. Peter reported that scholarship checks for the twelve recipients would be distributed during the week of July 13.

6. Old Business

a. Tiffany presented the finalized Jeanie Hamernik Teaching Excellence Fund Gift Acceptance Agreement for Board review.

b. Motion to Approve the Hamernik Gift Acceptance Agreement by Jennifer S.; Second by Chloe M.; Board approved.

7. New Business

a. Investment Reallocation

i. Peter reviewed the proposed investment and bank account reallocations.

ii. Establishment of the Hamernik Endowed fund at Modern Woodmen in the amount of \$53.8k, with an additional \$3.8k from earlier donations from James Hamernik, added to the \$50K donated last year.

Motion to Approve the investment reallocation by Peter G.; Second by Michelle M.; Board approved.

iii. Establishment of a gaming account at Centier Bank to be funded by all amounts currently held in segregated Gaming accounts at 5/3 Bank and Everwise Credit Union totaling approximately \$25k. Upon conclusion of the transfers, there will be gaming funds held only at Centier Bank. The 5/3 and Everwise gaming accounts will be closed.

Establishment of a CD up to \$50K at Centier Bank, with funds provided from the checking account at 5/3 Bank, which will result in the closure of the checking account at 5/3 Bank.

Establishment of a CD at Indiana Members Credit Union of \$40k with funds provided from excess \$ at Modern Woodmen (MWA), which were incorrectly transferred there by Raymond James. This will leave balances at Raymond James at \$0. Remaining excess funds at MWA will be transferred to Everwise Credit Union.

Motion to Approve the proposed bank account reallocation by Peter G.; Second by Samantha C.; Board approved.

b. 2026-2027 Budget

i. Peter presented the proposed 2026-2027 budget previously distributed to the Board for review.

ii. Motion to Approve the 2026-2027 Budget by Peter G.; Second by Michelle M.; Board approved.

c. SGO/NAEF Charter

i. Tiffany shared that NAEF continues working through Indiana legal requirements and encouraged interested Board members to attend an upcoming national webinar.

ii. Tiffany recommended forming an ad hoc committee of no fewer than three members to monitor the program as additional federal and state guidance becomes available. The committee may also include school administrators, a financial advisor or CPA, and other individuals with relevant expertise.

iii. Motion to Form an SGO/NAEF Ad Hoc Committee by Michelle M.; Second by Jennifer S.; Board approved.

d. Alumni Dinner

i. Tiffany requested \$150 for a donation basket and Board volunteers for the July 18 Alumni Dinner.

ii. Motion to Approve a \$150 Alumni Dinner donation basket by Tracie R.; Second by Jennifer S.; Board approved.

e. Annual Conflict of Interest forms were distributed. Board members in attendance completed and returned the forms to Megan Zaborowsky.

8. Additional Announcements

a. Peter reported that all new Board members have been added to the Foundation's automobile insurance policy and are authorized to drive the GEF bus.

b. Ashley McLaughlin shared that she is drafting a handwritten letter to the Lily Endowment Fund.

c. Tracie reminded Board members that Helping Hands requests over \$250 require Board approval via email vote and should be documented in the Board minutes.

9. Adjourned – 8:31 p.m.

Next Meeting- Annual Board Retreat: August 22, 2026; 9:00am-noon at Johnson County Training Center.