

BOARD MINUTES



Date: 4/14/25

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 Rhyneanson, Mike Zafiroff, David Dean, Jen Whitson, Shawn Bauer, Angie Glynn, Dr. Terry Terhune (*ex-officio*), Tiffany Woods (Executive Director)

1. Call to order 7:09 p.m.
2. Treasurer's Report: Peter
 - a. Discussion on bank investments and status of accounts – Tracy at Everwise advised that we have too much cash in our checking account and suggested a CD or money market; Peter goes through the cash and accounts; in the March board meeting the group agreed that we would like to invest in a CD; **Peter G. makes a motion for GEF to get a 50K CD at 5/3 Bank and move the gaming money at 5/3 Bank to a gaming account at Everwise; Second by David D.; Board approved.**
 - b. Gift for Carah Derloshon – we have gift card money available at 5/3 Bank and want to acknowledge all that Carah does for GEF on Professional Administrative Assistant's Day; **Peter G. makes a motion for a \$50 Starbucks card for Carah; Second by Dawn A.; Board Approved.**
 - c. Donation to C9 – GF wants to thank Robert/C9 for all the printing, Peter suggests \$2000 (Megan spoke to Robert to see if they would prefer to invoice us, receive a donation and he said what we have done in the past is fine – gave a \$1500 donation in 2024); **Peter G. makes a motion for a \$2000 donation to C9 for all of their printing services; Second by Tracie R.; Board Approved.**
 - d. Additional finance discussion - Peter reports that we will make around 78K from Monte Carlo; Matt at Raymond James is supposed to get a proposed investment policy to share with the board; Peter shares that we will need to consider the endowment piece of GEF and eventually have discussions about larger investments and stocks, tabling that conversation for now.
 - e. **Motion to Approve Treasurer's Financial Report by Dawn A., second by Jen W., Board Approved.**
3. Review of the Minutes of the February meeting:
 - a. **Motion to Approve March Minutes by Angie G., Second by Megan Z., Board approved.**
4. Monthly Icebreaker – Donor Stewardship Plan – ensure we are good stewards of money and expressing gratitude while maintaining relationships with donors

- a. What do we do as a board after we get a donation – acknowledge, report impact, account for how monies are spent, build trust
 - b. Discussion on tiers of donors, 7 points of contact, being the “favorite”, phone calls
 - c. Small group activity – 2-3 people together to discuss examples of stewardship to donors; shared results with one another
5. Committees:
- a. Special Events (report from Dawn):
 - i. Bags and Bourbon Bingo update – event is this week; David and Phil to emcee; sign up list for duties passed around meeting; we are ready to go, doors open for us to set up at 3:30 p.m.
 - a. Deposit for next year’s event – 2026 Bingo 4/15/26, deposit is \$469 and we get \$300 back; **Motion by Dawn A. to approve deposit amount for 4/15/26 Bingo event; Second by David D.; Board Approved.**
 - ii. Teacher Appreciation – week of May 5-9; Tuesday 5/6 Boyden’s donuts and Friday 5/9 cookies; deliveries to all schools between 9:30-10:00 a.m.; 3 people on team delivering
 - b. GEF Cares:
 - i. School Supply Distribution update – had to purchase items mid-week, lessons learned; there are clear items that teachers want and GEF will be strategic about collecting items for next year; TW will tally #'s for all schools; also see note about Rotary Club donation in ED report.
 - ii. Helping Hands – may need to revise process; there are some gray areas and the team is working on the “why” and mission of the team regarding requests to make sure that we are consistent; intend to be more decisive next year about requests
 - c. Scholarships – Peter reports that the team met last Wednesday; 6 scholarship opportunities and 14 students receiving awards; there were 26 applications and the team felt the awards were spread out this year among an array of different applicants and qualifications;
 - i. Shahs participated in their scholarship determination and Corey Elliott participated in the Chad Neiman scholarship process.
 - d. Monte Carlo Wrap Up (report from Megan & David):
 - i. Final numbers – we made \$78,200
 - e. Grants (report from Amy)
 - i. Amy presents the board with the recommendations for the 2025 Spring Grants as follows:
 - a. Mindi Ward and Julie Bowling, GHS; “So-Sew” \$992.16
 - b. Joel Matthews, GHS; “Finding My Groove: PD as a Jazz Educator” \$600
 - c. Lanna Smith, Amy Kreimer, Amy Farrell, Kara Applegate, GHS; “Enhancing Classroom Efficiency with Automated Problem and Worksheet Generation” \$1480
 - d. Andi Campbell, GHS; “Mindfulness Moments” \$1174.45
 - e. Victoria Klingsmith, Southwest; “Archery For All” \$359.40

- f. Kelly Siegert and Kendra Case, GMS; “Hearing it from Hawass Himself!” \$198
 - g. Tracy Guy and Kailee Vest, GMS; “We’re Making Waves” \$1481.82
 - h. Kathleen Mitchell, Isom; “Building a Foundation of Literacy: Building a Kindergarten Classroom Library” \$630
 - i. Becki Habig, Westwood; “The Big Dill Pickleball Grant” \$440.72
 - j. Emily House, Westwood; “Listening, Collaborating and Problem Solving: The Westwood Way” \$624.97
 - k. Lesley Chan (Northeast), Anne Edens (Isom) Jennifer Welchaz (Southwest), Lauren Kibbe (Westwood); “Building Outside the Box” \$2482.62
- ii. Amy presents the board with the recommendation for the 2025 Super Grant award - Super Grant: Madeleine Waters - GHS, “The Axe & Bean” \$5000
 - a. This SG scored the highest among all outside reviewers and was unanimously scored as the winner
 - iii. **Amy J. moves to approve the SG winner for \$5000, and Spring Grant winners collectively totaling \$9864.14, per the information provided above; Second by Shawn B.; Board Approved.**
 - iv. Amy shares information about three spring grants that were not awarded
 - a. Applicant for an out of state PD course who withdrew the application once he was advised that there is a policy against paying for airfare, lodging and meals
 - b. Applicants who wanted classroom pets – admin review of this grant revealed that there is a school board policy against this, and in the rare exception that a pet is allowed it cannot be for longer than one semester
 - c. Four applicants who applied for AED machines at GMS, totaling \$10K in grant funding; a couple of the applications were identical in an effort to acquire; admin review revealed that this type of equipment should be acquired through Corp. nurse and Community; there are AEDs already at GMS; Amy followed up with the applicants collectively to advise them that they would not be getting these grants and connected them to the school nurse;
 - 1. Grants team advised the board that a **new policy** was created in response to this series of applications; in the event that more than one teacher at the same school applies for the same grant project, the first application received will be the only one evaluated and the others will merge. Different teachers at the same school can apply for the same items if they have independent and distinct grant projects.
 - v. Related Services Grant – **Amy J. moves to approve the new Related Services Grant (counterpart to the NTG); Second by Dawn A.; Board Approved.**
 - a. The RS Grant will run at the same time as the NTG and be available to employees of GCSC who have been employed by Greenwood Schools

for at least one year (eligible in their second year) and is a one-time \$300 grant for related services employees to acquire resources and supplies for their work with Greenwood students.

6. Old Business:

- a. Alumni keychains update – keychains are in; TW wants \$150 that will be used for incentive gift cards in conjunction with those who register for the alumni database;
Motion to designate \$150 to purchase gift cards by Joe H., Second by Peter G., Board approved.
 - i. TW considering handing out keychains at graduation rehearsal or Honor Day, TBD
- b. New Board Members – Joe’s request for names did not yield many names last month, and board members were again asked for recommendations; we have approached 2 candidates already

7. New Business

- a. GEF Retreat – planned for August 2, 2025 at the library
- b. 5/12/25 Board Picture

8. **Adjourned meeting at 8:54 p.m.**

Next Regular Meeting: May 12, 2025, 7 p.m.