

# BOARD MINUTES



**Date:** 10/20/25

**Location:** Administration Building

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

1. Call to order 7:04 p.m.
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Peter gives an update - CD at Everwise has been acquired; board agrees that Peter may provide an abbreviated financial report to the board before our regular meetings (any board member can request the more in-depth report/information and back up documentation)
  - b. **Motion to Approve financial report by Jen W.; Second by Chloe M.; Board approved.**
3. Approval of Minutes - review of the Minutes of the September meeting, Amy states that they were amended to change the location to the administration building
  - i. No additional changes; **Motion to Approve September Minutes by Dawn A., Second by Amanda S., Board approved.**
4. Monthly Ice Breaker – Philanthropic Development
  - a. TW distributes Woodmen Wish Maker handout with summary of opportunities for support and monthly/interval donations; discussion on how monthly giving will be a good basis to establish the endowment fund and the impact of monthly giving on long term growth; GEF has tested monthly giving in Charity Proud, and notifications related to expired cards, etc.; board members are invited to find at least one donor for recurring giving
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Special Events
    - i. Cash for Class Update – \$50/ticket; each board member will be asked to sell 5 tickets, but have been given 10; 42 tickets sold so far, goal is 100; sales continue through December 5 (alumni game); all board members should be updating the spreadsheet as tickets are sold
    - ii. Halloween Parade – this Saturday; have 5-6 volunteers lined up; be there at 11 a.m. for set up; all staging done and ready to go by 11:30; parade is at noon; board members brought candy donations to tonight's meeting
    - iii. Grateful for Greenwood campaign 11/1-11/28 - \$5 sweet treat, \$10 Coffeehouse 5 gift card, \$15 pizza, \$20 carwash (limited number), \$40 singing

telegram (Friday mornings only, around 2 minutes, will be dressed up in costumes and with custom song – Dawn, Tiffany, Amanda)

- b. GEF Cares:
  - i. Julia shares that having Ann and Erin on the team as committee members has been a huge help
  - ii. Highlight Mental Health recap – Julia provides overview of tailgate and things that worked/didn't work; need more t-shirts next year
  - iii. Coats, Cuts, & Cookies – sponsors are Everwise and Kiwanis Club (sending volunteers for the event); as of today 86 families are registered, 294 students/coats, 58 haircuts for boys, 27 haircuts for girls; have stylists from Nomad, A+, Paul Mitchell, Mary Bass, Penelope June; all coats have been organized, over 400 available (will always take more)
  - iv. School Supplies (Joe is the lead for this, Julia gives brief update) - will have money from Rotary Club (\$6K) next week and will inventory what we have and what we need; supplies will be distributed second semester, likely in January
- c. Monte Carlo – team's next meeting is 10/27; have 25K in sponsorships committed, would like 80K by the event; Megan asks board to reach out to sponsors; Dawn working on silent auction items; everyone asked to update spreadsheet (red/yellow/green highlights on spreadsheet explained); for anyone getting silent auction items, you need to get value of item as well; anyone with live auction ideas should email Megan
- d. Scholarships – nothing new to report
- e. Grants
  - i. General update - Amy reports that all New Teacher grants and Related Services grants were handed out on September 22<sup>nd</sup>; 35 total grants distributed; Dave Hammernick accompanied Amy and Tiffany at NE and funded the NTGs there; Amy asks the board to forward any suggestions for grant reviewers for the 26-27 school year, we will be losing at least 6 reviewers when this school year ends; Brad has looped Mark in for training on his role with grants for the fall cycle; update on the 9/10 grant class, 3 attendees, productive conversation, Grants Team will have to discuss how to conduct the class in the future (all attendees were from GMS and it may be worth hosting at multiple locations); at next meeting all fall grants will be presented for approval, next team meeting 11/5

## 6. New Business

- a. Trunk or Treat – Greenwood transportation center - Raptor Restoration doing the work, we just need to bring the bus; event is 10/29; Phil will help from 6:30-8 and park bus back in GEF's spot
- b. Holiday Giving Calendars – TW explains potential holiday giving campaign, pick a date and donate/scratch off calendar; goal is to get these calendars into 10 companies, and they can post/market with their staff; will receive acknowledgement and certificate
- c. Adding Committee Members – Megan and Tiffany lead discussion about the importance of adding board approved committee members to our standing teams; this is a good way to share the workload but also a soft way to introduce volunteers to GEF and ultimately could result in board membership; Tiffany shares information about the

volunteer calendar that has been created in Charity Proud to track volunteer opportunities (sent to the Chairs for each team, asked to update with tasks)

- d. Woodmen Expo – GEF has been invited to set up a table at the WE event 10/27; after discussion with the board about the event, board decides having a table will be a good idea
7. Adjourned 8:13 p.m.
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**Next Regular Meeting: January 12, 2026, 7 p.m.; NO DECEMBER BOARD MEETING**

**Email Vote Acknowledgments:**

- 1) On November 3, 2025, Tracie, on behalf of the Cares Team, shared a \$250 Helping Hands request from Southwest Elementary/ Lori Largent, for a family with a child going through chemo, father unemployed, and mother is pregnant; funds would be used for basis needs and baby supplies; Cares asks for Visa card instead of a check; **Board vote by email, unanimously approved**, after being referred to board from Cares Team (also unanimously approved by Cares).