BOARD MINUTES

Date: 4/13/26

Location: Administration Building

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

1. Call to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Treasurer's Report
    a. Brief board discussion regarding GEF's relationships/involvement with 5/3, IMCU, Raymond James, and Everwise
    b. **Motion to Approve Treasurer's Financial Report by Dawn A.; Second by Mike Z.; Board approved.**
3. Approval of Minutes - review of the Minutes of the March meeting,
        i. No additional changes; **Motion to Approve March Minutes Angie G., Second by Chloe M., Board approved.**
4. Monthly Ice Breaker – none this month
5. Committee Reports
    a. Special Events - Chloe
        i. Bags and Bourbon Bingo – 3 p.m. set up this Wednesday, 5 p.m. for those not helping with set up; still working on filling the last handful of seats
        ii. Rock the Block – Mike reports we are in 6th place; 40 people registered/running
    b. GEF Cares – no report
    c. Monte Carlo – no report
    d. Grants – spring grant approval meeting; copies of redacted applications were forwarded to board members ahead of the meeting for discussion and review
        i. Super Grant – 2 applications, one was disqualified as discussed in the March general board meeting; the remaining application is recommended for approval
            a. Super Grant winner, "Our Renewable Resource", GHS, Fischer/Figy/Burger; $5000; **Amy makes motion on behalf of the Grants Team for approval of "Our Renewable Resource" as the Super Grant winner in the amount of $5000, Second by Angie G.; Board approved.**
        ii. Spring Grants – 9 applications, 7 will be recommended for approval, discussion;
            a. "Regulate to Educate", Regan Berry/Jessica Witherington, GMS, items for sensory room, $1933.30
            b. "Sailing Through Social Studies", Ashley Freije/Will Foote, Westwood, battleship games and storage for longitudinal and latitudinal studies, $584.67

c. "Expanding the Science of Mindfulness", Andi Campbell, GHS, Bring Change to Mind expansion program, $2560.95
    1. This grant applicant had to submit a new budget, wrong one attached to application; Grants Team does not intend to fund consumables related to this grant with another grant request
d. "Clem's Kindness Crew", Megan Clem, Southwest, social and emotional learning class kindness program (popcorn, cart, wall), $950 (applicant indicated in budget that grant was $1000 but budget line items add up to $950)
e. "Cells Alive", Mariah Sirkin/Ashley Tschopp, GMS, microscope/prepared slides, $2180.71
f. "La Biblioteca", Nina Gondola, GHS, libraries/books for Spanish and French 3 classes, $1445.67
g. "Printed with Care", Tracy Guy/Kailee Vest, GMS, 3D printing for toys, branding (expansion of Replication Station 2020 grant), $1723.21
h. "Could You Survive", Jordan Lowe, **this was not recommended for approval since the applicant was a recipient of a 2025 Fall Grant and the one-year rule makes her ineligible**
    1. Tiffany advises that a family reached out about a donation for a literacy grant in honor of their deceased mom and are considering supporting this idea, original amount offered was $250 and the grant budget is for $538.40, Tiffany will reach back out to Liz, contact for family, and see if they are interested in funding who grant; Amy will have follow up with applicant and explain conflict with grant cycles and whether or not there is an opportunity for the project to be partially funded by a direct contribution to GEF
i. The last grant application for "Mascot Makeover" was submitted by three GHS students for $4000; Amy reached out to F. Stapleton with stuco to let her know that students cannot apply for spring grants, the amount was way over the allotment, and to share information on the WWSG opportunity for the fall
j. **Amy makes motion on behalf of the Grants Team for approval of 7 grants (above a-g) in the collective amount of $11,378.51, Second by Megan Z., Board approved.**

iii. LJC/YLA – 9 applications for YLA this year and 6 GHS students are getting offers to attend the academy, the cost is $500 per attendee and GEF's donation will be split between the GHS attendees evenly; Rotary Club of Greenwood may be sending money for up to 2 of the students if they qualify; Amy asks Peter to prepare the check for LJC

e. Scholarships – 24 applications (22 traditional, 2 trades); many issues with information not being completed in application this year; results meeting is scheduled for 4/30 at 7 p.m.; there has been no contact from Cory Elliott for the Neiman Scholarship(s), will

continue to try and get in touch ahead of the 4/30 meeting, if we do not then we will distribute the $3000 currently in the fund to this year's applicants

i. NOTE - since Angie is on the team and has a child who applied for scholarships Angie will not participate in any of the evaluations for scholarships that are in conflict
ii. Scholarships will be handed out on Honor Day on 5/19 at 9 a.m.
iii. Tiffany will share/collect alumni information at graduation practice and share would like funds to hand out four $25 gift cards and candy, we still have key chains from last year; **Motion to approve $150 for new graduate alumni giveaways (gift cards and candy) by David D., Second by Dawn A., Board approved.**

6. Old Business
    a. Call out meeting follow up – applications for prospective board members are due 4/16; EC expects to conduct interviews 4/20 and 4/28, should have recommendations for new board members at May general meeting
7. New Business
    a. C9 Donation – Peter asks board to consider a donation to C9 (Robert/graphics department) for services provided to the foundation throughout the year; we never get invoiced for all of their work and have made a donation in the past as an act of good will and appreciation; **Motion by Peter G. for $2000 donation to C9, Second by Dawn A., Board approved.**
    b. Summer Social and Retreat Information –
        i. Social event will be on 6/28 at Arni's for all incoming and current board members and their families
        ii. Annual board retreat 8/22, 9 a.m.-noon (location TBD)
8. Adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting (last meeting of the year): May 11, 2026