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Board Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2013

Attendees

Pam Able, Phil Alfano, Ben Balsbaugh, Carol Benson, Tony Bruno, Tom Changnon, Pam Denney, Lisa Dokoozlian, Ron Emerzian, Ryan Gallo, Don Gatti, Bob Gausman, Jason Gordo, Cheryl Goulart, Bobbie Gregory, Eric Johnston, Barbara Little, and Sue Rich

Welcome and Correspondence

Carol Benson shared a “thank you” card from the Oakdale High School Science Olympiad team. She also shared the resignation letters from Tracey Kerr and Tim Johnston. The Board welcomed new Board Members, Ben Balsbaugh, President of Residential Division with PMZ and Phil Alfano, Superintendent of Patterson Unified School District. Due to the resignations, there are two openings available on the Board. There is a list in place with candidates, but if you have any suggestions to be added, email the names to Barbara Little.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the Board meeting minutes of May 9, 2013 was made by Ryan Gallo and seconded by Tony Bruno. Unanimous vote to approve.

Financial Report

Don Gatti reviewed the Financial Report as of July 31, 2013. Don explained the overview of the general fund and the three supported programs budgets. The Foundation “Purpose and Mission” statement and financial report was distributed and reviewed as well. Don noted there are excess funds in the general fund that could be moved into the Stanislaus Community Foundation for a better interest rate than what we are currently receiving. John Bellizzi with the Stanislaus Community Foundation was present to answer questions. After weighing the pros and cons, it was determined to table the recommendation and discuss it further at the November Planning Meeting. Board Members were asked to send questions to Sue Rich prior to the meeting. Sue will forward questions to Marian Kaanon with the Community Foundation for answers. Marian will be present at the November Annual Planning meeting as a facilitator. Don also reported that funds in the three Foundation supported programs budgets, with the exception of the Foundation allocated funds, will be moved to the Stanislaus County Office of Ed treasury. The program budgets will still be reported to the Board as always, however since the funds are for SCOE programs it needs to be in the SCOE treasury and should not be running through the Foundation. Beginning with the 2014 allocation Don has recommended that those funds be moved to the SCOE treasury as well once the Board has made their allocation to the three programs. The downside to this move is the indirect rate of 9.8% charged to all SCOE programs budgets. Program Coordinators will need to take this into consideration when requesting allocation funds in the future. It was decided to table the recommendation until the November Planning Meeting for further discussion.

A motion was made by Eric Johnston and seconded by Jason Gordo to accept the Financial Report. Unanimous vote to approve.

Operations and Governance Committee - Grant Writer

SCOE will be hiring a 50% time grant writer and the option is available for the Foundation to add 25% to this position at a cost of \$20,000 per year. This was initially discussed at the May meeting and was decided further information was needed. Sue Rich distributed the grant writing definition and Q & A sheet. After further discussion on the pros and cons, Eric Johnston made a motion to accept the grant writer position. Pam Denney seconded the motion. Roll call vote to approve with 11 yes votes and 2 no votes. Pam Able and Dave Gianelli will sit on the interview panel.

Resource Development (Revenue) Committee Reports

Naming Opportunities: Ron Emerzian reviewed the Naming Opportunities and provided the Board with a current list. Sutter Health will sponsor the Junior Relays for 2013-2014. An application was submitted to Wells Fargo to sponsor the spelling championships.



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Fundraiser Committee: Eric Johnston reported on the progress of the Fundraiser Dinner. The date is Thursday, September 12th at the Duarte Family home. Sue Rich has completed the script for the program. The program will consist of piano player, Kane Wu, the winner of the Choose Civility Tournament of Talent, The band *Hot Club Faux Gitane*, YES Company, and a Super Quiz with audience participation.

Pam Denney distributed a list with secured auction items. More items are needed. It was suggested to have five or six live auctions. Jason will not be available to auctioneer. He will contact Dave Halverson to see if he's available.

Table sales are going well. A current list was distributed. Thanks to new Board Member Ben Balsbaugh, four more tables have just been added bringing the total up to 41.

Carol Benson is working on gathering alumni to attend the dinner. Approximately 30 invitations have been sent.

Community Leadership (Marketing) Committee Report

Pam Denney reported that a marketing meeting is scheduled for next week. She will have an updated report at the next Board Meeting.

Program/Impact Vision Committees:

- **Outdoor Education** – Bob Gausman reported on behalf of Pam Ivie that they had another successful year with their summer camps. He shared a letter that was sent out to every school along with a grant application form. The letter indicates how the Foundation allocates funds for students needing financial assistance to attend Foothill Horizons Outdoor School. Funds are available for every school meeting the criteria.
- **YES Company** – Lisa Dokoozlian reported they just completed Ragtime. Melanee missed the summer production but is due back to work later this month. Ambassadors and Annie auditions are coming up. Lisa thanked the Foundation for their support with scholarships. Many students were not able to pay tuition and the scholarships provided by the Foundation made it possible. The Kiddettes will be performing Aladdin in February.
- **Student Events Program** – Barbara Little distributed Student Event wall calendars that have all event dates highlighted. The Student Event Catalogs and volunteer opportunities will be available at the November meeting.

Important Dates (handout distributed)

Thursday, September 12, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Fundraising Dinner hosted by the Duarte Family

Friday, November 15, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Annual Board Meeting, Stanislaus Culinary Arts Institute