



Education Foundation of Stanislaus County

Board Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2011

Attendees

Pam Able, Tony Bruno, Tom Changnon, James Conforti, Pam Denney, Kenni Friedman, Ryan Gallo, Don Gatti, Bob Gausman, David Gianelli, Cheryl Goulart, Pete Herrmann, Jessica Hewitt, Eric Johnston, Tim Johnston, Tracey Kerr, Barbara Little, Mary Ann Sanders, and Melanee Wyatt

Welcome

Dave Gianelli welcomed board members. Pam Denney, Cheryl Goulart and Barbara Little attended a presentation of Kay Sprinkel Grace who shared her passion and experience working with nonprofit organizations. Pam, Cheryl, and Barbara all enjoyed the conference and provided the Board with a brief summary of the event.

Approval of Minutes and Approval of Electronic Vote

A motion to approve the Board meeting minutes of June 9, 2011 was made by Kenni Friedman and seconded by Eric Johnston. Unanimous vote to approve.

Pam Denney agreed to serve as a member on the Foundation Board on July 13, 2011. Pam was elected by unanimous electronic vote.

Financial Report

Don Gatti reviewed the Financial Report as of July 31, 2011. A motion was made by Eric Johnston and seconded by Ryan Gallo to accept the Financial Report. Unanimous vote to approve.

Future City Competition – New Student Event

The Student Events Program is adding a new event this year called the “Future City Competition.” Kenni Friedman and Pam Denney have both been involved with the event in the past. This is an event for middle schools students who work with teacher/coaches and engineer mentors to imagine, design, and build cities of the future. Barbara Little requested \$2,000 from the Board to help fund the event. Ryan Gallo made a motion for approval and seconded by Tony Bruno. Unanimous vote to approve.

Open Discussion – Tom Changnon

Tom Changnon shared with the Board the new state of the art mobile classroom that will bring ag science education to more than 7,000 area students each year. The fifty-three-foot Ag In Motion project was an idea that came out of the National Ag Science Center after a few local ag leaders realized the need for bringing the science of agriculture directly to students.

Tom updated the Board with the Special Education issue. Moving Special Education out of SCOE would dramatically reduce the size and scope of SCOE, reducing its work force by a third. This can cause a ripple effect throughout the entire office bringing a sense of uncertainty for all employees. SCOE is trying to maintain morale. The Superintendent’s Council will meet in October to vote.

Tom reported that SCOE is starting their second year on the Civility campaign. SCOE currently has 59 businesses as partners. Four other counties have started the campaign this year.



Open Discussion – Mary Ann Sanders

Mary Ann Sanders discussed the “Building Bridges to Tomorrow’s Workforce & Community” being held on August 25th at the Modesto Centre Plaza. This event will introduce a major collaborative initiative between business, education, local government, and the non profit sector on how the Chamber can positively affect workforce within our county. The goal is to bring a business challenge to the forefront, and then offer solutions that businesses can become engaged in to make a transformation that has impact and meaning.

Revenue Committee Reports

Fundraiser Committee: Tony Bruno reported that we have 40 tables sold. The goal is 60 tables. A list of current and past table sponsors was distributed to Board members. Barbara is still in the process of receiving quotes from caterers. Barbara reported that Kohl’s will donate \$500 if we can get five Kohl’s employees to volunteer at our dinner. Mary Ann Sanders distributed a spread sheet with current and past auction items. Jim Halvorson will be our auctioneer for the live auction.

Naming Opportunities: Cheryl Goulart reviewed the Naming Opportunities. Open opportunities for 2011-12 include the Spelling Championships and the Jr. Relays. Mercer Foods agreed to sponsor the new event, Future City Competition. The goal for 2011 is \$40,000. Currently we have \$35,000 including a foundation gift of \$10,000.

Honorarium/ Memoriam: Pete Herrmann reported on the progress of the Honorariums/Memoriums so far for this year and presented a Goal Chart showing approximately \$1,195 has been raised. The goal for this year is \$3,000.

Strategic Plan Committee Reports

Advisory Board: Barbara Little presented the draft “Standing Committee Descriptions” document. This document outlines the committees and descriptions that will be used beginning with our next Annual Planning Meeting. A motion to approve the document was made by Pete Herrmann and seconded by Mary Ann Sanders. Unanimous vote to approve.

Strategic Planning: The “Big Idea” meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th from 9am to 2pm at the Salida Library. We have approximately 20 RSVPs. The goal is to have 50 - 60 attendees. Board Members are recruiting people to attend.

Technology: Bob Gausman reported that all meeting agendas and minutes can be located on the Foundation website, www.edfoundationstan.org under “Document Archive.” To find other documents, click “Board Members” at the top of the page. This will bring up all current Board Members’ pictures. At the bottom of the page there is a place to login. Type in the password and click “Log In.” If you need the password, contact Barbara Little.

Program Reports and Program Adhoc Committees

Outdoor Education: Jessica Hewitt on behalf of Pam Ivie reported that Foothill Horizons suffered storm damage this past year. A prison crew came out to clean up the damage and will continue to cleanup during the fall. Summer Camp was a success. The kids loved it and enrollment was high. Fall enrollment is steady. Pam continues to talk to schools to try to increase enrollment.

Student Events: Barbara Little reported that the Adhoc Committee will be concentrating on increasing participation on two events this year, Elementary Science Olympiad and the Academic Pentathlon. Cheryl Goulart reported that the 2011-2012 Student Events Program catalog is going to print and will be mailed to all schools and districts by the end of the month. There will be volunteer opportunities available for Board members. A list will be given to Board Members soon.



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YES Company: Melanee Wyatt reported that *Hairspray* was a success and attendance was high. Rehearsals are beginning for YES Ambassadors soon and auditions for *101 Dalmatians* for the YES Kidettes will begin in September with the performance in November. They will perform “*Gift of Song*” this holiday season at the Gallo Center for the Arts. Next year’s summer production may be *Willy Wonka* or *Peter Pan*. YES Company has had difficulty functioning efficiently in the current facility due to lack of space. They have found a great possibility for a new facility.

Important Dates

Thursday, September 8, 6 – 9 PM, Fundraising Dinner hosted by Matt & Barbara Bruno

Saturday, October 15, 2011, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, **Big Idea Meeting**, Salida Library

Friday, November 18, 8:00 – 2:00 PM, **Annual Planning Board Meeting**, Petersen Event Center