



Education Foundation of Stanislaus County

Special Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2011

Attendees

Carol Benson, Dale Boyett, Tom Changnon, James Conforti, Arturo Flores, Kenni Friedman, Ryan Gallo, Don Gatti, Bob Gausman, David Gianelli, Cheryl Goulart, Pam Ivie, Eric Johnston, Jane Johnston, Tracey Kerr, Barbara Little, and Melanee Wyatt

Welcome and Correspondence

Dave Gianelli welcomed the Board. Dave shared a letter of resignation from David Jones. Barbara Little also announced the resignation of Judie Piscitello.

Open Discussion – Tom Changnon

Tom Changnon discussed the Civility Campaign. Since the kick-off of the campaign on November 2, many businesses and schools have embraced this initiative. Dave Gianelli made a motion to become a partner in Civility. Ryan Gallo seconded it. Motion was approved.

Approval of Operating Budget 2011 & Chair-Elect & Advisory Committee Members-At-Large

We did not have a quorum for two action items at our last Board Meeting. The two items were the approval of the 2011 Operating Budget and the Chair-Elect and Advisory Committee Members-At-Large. Dave Gianelli recommended Tony Bruno to Chair the second year of his two-year term. Mary Ann Sanders recommended we keep Eric Johnston and Kenni Friedman on the Advisory Board. The vote was unanimous to approve both items from members present at the November Board meeting and by electronic vote from those not at the meeting.

Recommended By-Law Change for Meeting Quorum

The by-laws currently require two-thirds of the board to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Board recommends revising the by-laws to read “a simple majority.” The reason for this recommendation is in the past there has been difficulty in reaching the quorum. A motion was made by Ryan Gallo and seconded by Dale Boyett to amend the by-laws to allow for simple majority. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommended Foundation Board Insurance

Ryan Gallo and Don Gatti met to discuss the Board insurance to include Directors and Officers insurance (D & O). Don reported that after researching the Board's current policy, D & O could be added at minimal cost. Ryan noted that this would be a slight increase in cost but not near as much as the previous recommendation. Don and Ryan will be meeting again and will further discuss D & O at the next meeting.

Year One Strategic Plan Goals

A motion was made by Eric Johnston and seconded by James Conforti to approve the Year One Strategic Plan Goals as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Dale Boyett discussed the goals and Board Members chose Ad Hoc committees on which to serve. Community members will be added as well. Committees will meet in order to complete the assigned tasks within the next three months, six months, and the end of the year. The Ad Hoc committees are as follows:

Annual Report Analysis

Staff: Cynthia Fenech, Jane Johnston
Committee: Eric Johnston, Tracey Kerr, Dave Gianelli

Staffing Needs Analysis

Staff: Barbara Little, Jane Johnston
Committee: Becky Shokraii, Dale Boyett, Dave Gianelli, Don Gatti, Mary Ann Sanders



Technology Committee

Staff: Bob Gausman, Cheryl Goulart
Committee: Ryan Gallo, Tom Changnon

Outdoor Education

Staff: Bob Gausman, Pam Ivie
Committee: Arturo Flores, Tom Changnon, Carol Benson,

YES Company

Staff: Melanee Wyatt, Jane Johnston
Committee: Carol Benson, Eric Johnston, Tony Bruno

Student Events Program

Staff: Barbara Little, Jane Johnston
Committee: Carol Benson, Ron Emerzian (nominated), Dave Gianelli

Revenue Committee Structure

Board Members chose the revenue committees in which to serve as follows:

Fundraising Dinner Committee

Chair: Tony Bruno
Committee: James Conforti, Carol Benson, Tracey Kerr, Mary Ann Sanders, Dave Gianelli, Bob Gausman, Tim Johnston (nominated – community member), Jane Johnston, Barbara Little, Cheryl Goulart, Leisa Turner

Naming Opps/Corporate Gifts

Chair: Ron Emerzian
Committee: Eric Johnston

Honorariums/Memoriums

Chair: Pete Herrmann
Committee: Dave Gianelli, Arturo Flores

IRS Classification Update

Dave Gianelli sent a letter to the IRS to request that the Education Foundation's IRS classification be changed from 509 (a)(3) to 509 (a)(1). This will allow the Foundation to have public charity status.

Important Dates Note: Special Board Meeting times have been shortened to one hour.

Thursday, February 17, 8:00 – 9:30 AM, Regular Board Meeting, Petersen Event Center
Thursday, March 10, 8:00 – 9:00 AM, Special Board Meeting, Petersen Event Center
Thursday, April 14, 8:00 – 9:00 AM, Special Board Meeting, Petersen Event Center
Tuesday, May 17, 8:00 – 9:30 AM, Regular Board Meeting, Petersen Event Center
Thursday, June 9, 8:00 – 9:00 AM, Special Board Meeting, Petersen Event Center
Thursday, July 14, 8:00 – 9:00 AM, Special Board Meeting, Petersen Event Center
Thursday, August 11, 8:00 – 9:30 AM, Regular Board Mtg., Petersen Event Center
Thursday, September 8, 2011, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Fundraising Dinner hosted by Matt & Barbara Bruno
Thursday, October 13, 8:00 – 9:00 AM, Special Board Meeting, SCOE, Patterson Room
Friday, November 18, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Annual Board Meeting, Location TBD