

GRAFTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 11, 2010

GHS Library Media Center

I. Call to Order

B. Hoffman called the meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m. This is the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

Present: S. Davis, M. Donahue, B. Hoffman, R. Kranitz, R. Riddle, S. Vepraskas and K. Walton

Excused Absence: C. Bauer, D. Scherzer

Guest: April Shanks

II. Previous Meeting Minutes

B. Hoffman submitted the minutes from the April 13, 2010 meeting for review. No additions or changes were made. K. Walton moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by M. Donahue. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Hoffman submitted the minutes from the April 28, 2010 Executive Committee meeting for review. No additions or changes were made. R. Kranitz moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by K. Walton. Motion carried 5-0.

III. Treasurer's Report

M. Donahue presented the Treasurer's Report for review. No additions or changes were made. R. Kranitz moved to approve the report as presented; seconded by S. Vepraskas. Motion carried 5-0.

* *S. Davis and R. Riddle arrived at this point.*

IV. Committee Reports –

A. Publicity/Website Committee – R. Riddle presented photos for review. We have the rights to use these photos. We have a Facebook page now. The committee is working on the website. The committee is also in the process of

developing FAQs for the website. The site will enable on-line donations.

- B. Grant Committee – The committee (A. Shanks, C. Bauer and K. Walton) will meet in June.
- C. Executive Committee – The committee met April 28th (see minutes). It recommended Committee Charters and are currently working on Working Policies.
- D. Governance and Nominating Committee – Has not met yet.
- E. Fund Raising Committee – S. Davis will continue.

V. Old Business

- A. Identification of Potential Pioneer Contributors – We need to meet with Port Washington State Bank.
- B. Silent Auction Update – The Silent Auction will be held October 23, 2010 at The Family Farm. So far there is a 4-person committee.
- C. Develop Theme for 2010 Silent Auction - We discussed many theme possibilities and have settled on "Seeds to Harvest".

VI. New Business

- A. Should the GEF Join the Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce – We discussed the pros of joining the Chamber; such as, a directory listing, web listing, access to mailing list, no regular meetings. M. Donahue moved that the Foundation join the Chamber; seconded by R. Riddle. Motion carried 7-0. The Chamber will announce GEF as a "new member" on May 20th.

** M. Donahue left the meeting at this point*

- B. Dates for Next Year's meeting – We decided to continue holding our meetings on the second Tuesday of the month.
- C. Executive Committee Recommendation of Board Membership – The Executive Committee recommends a

non-voting teacher liaison. This person would not be subject to our attendance policy, but their input would be helpful. "Non-voting" status would remove any pressure on them. This person would be called our "Staff Liaison". S. Davis moved to appoint April Shanks as the "Staff Liaison"; seconded by K. Walton. Motion carried 6-0.

D. Scherzer has tendered a resignation as a board member. K. Walton moved to accept his resignation; seconded by R. Kranitz. Motion carried 6-0. We have recommended that Dave be listed as a "Foundation Member".

- D. Election of Officers for 2010 – 2011 – A Recommendation was made for the current officers to continue through the next year. We discussed the need to begin recruiting new board members now, on a face-to-face basis. We will not ask for volunteers.

We have made a "soft launch" announcement in the Chalkboard. In June, we will follow-up with a "hard launch" to give information on what we are; our first-year timeline; our fall fundraiser, plans to make grants in May and the website in June.

VII. Other Matters

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business K. Walton moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by R. Riddle. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Kranitz
Secretary