

GRAFTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 9, 2013

GHS Teachers Lounge

I. Call to Order

B. Hoffman called the meeting of the Board to order at 7:04 p.m. This is a regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Voting Board Members Present: Mike Cibulka, Bob Hoffman, Lisa LaMaster, Shawna Parsons, Julia McNally

Voting Board Members Excused: Steve Vepraskas, Mike Donahue, Renee Riddle

Non-Voting Board Members Present: April Shanks, Cristy Bauer

Guests Present: Steve McDonnell, Dick Best, Carol Stillmank

II. Previous Meeting Minutes

R. Hoffman submitted the minutes from the February 26, 2013 meeting for review. J. McNally made a motion, L. LeMaster seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried 5-0.

III. Treasurer's Report

R. Hoffman reported there would be no report this month.

IV. Seeds to Harvest Solicitation

R. Hoffman reported for R. Dunning that the solicitation will be sent immediately after Labor Day to avoid conflicting with our Soup Bowl efforts. Any ideas and suggestions on solicitation including any samples from other organizations be sent to R. Dunning. The intention is that the main vehicle for the outreach effort will be a mailing to the people on our data base.

V. 2013 Grant Allocation

It was reported that the Grant Committee has 12 applications which equal about \$55,000 worth of requests. The Grant Evaluation Committee will be meeting within the next few weeks to go over the requests with a target of having decisions made for the May Board meeting.

VI. GHS Alumni/Friends of the Foundation Newsletter

C. Stillmank explained the next edition is scheduled to go out right after the 2013 grants are presented by the prize patrol. The plan is to highlight one Board member in each edition beginning with R. Riddle. Other suggestions, such as an Alumni Corner and student involvement activities were offered. Articles on Grants in Action and Soupor Bowl successes were discussed. Carol would be open to suggestions of students to feature in the newsletter. After the spring edition, the next newsletter will be in the fall and will feature the lead-in to Soupor Bowl 2014 as well as the GHS Alumni Hall of Fame awards.

VII. 2014 Soupor Bowl Planning

M. Cibulka led a discussion that included consideration of when to begin approaching corporate sponsors, when to start soliciting major raffle prizes and whether a children's bowling activity should be added to the 2014 program. Included in the conversation was the idea of promoting groups of people (neighbors, co-workers etc.) banding together to bid on the big raffle items. While there was a good discussion there were no decisions on any of the items.

VIII. 2013-14 Board of Directors

R. Hoffman reviewed the terms of directors and when they will expire. He promised to individually contact all four of the directors whose terms expire this year to determine whether they will run again. As part of the report, he also asked the remaining members to think about their future commitment. It was suggested we could add other members to the Board and that we might consider whether it would be advantageous to add some directors who might help bring more public notice to the Foundation.

IX. Children's Resale

S. Parsons reported (for P. Wiziarde) that interest is low among resellers at this point. Information is being sent out in the Thursday folders and area day cares are being contacted to try to reach more parents. M. Cibulka offered to have flyers at the U. S. Bank. The Board was urged to spread the word and there was discussion of using ads in some of the local shopper publications. The date of sale is May 4 and R. Best will oversee a plan for selling brats.

X. Other Matters

S. Parsons reported she will be leaving the Board when they move to Utah. J. McNally reported that the two finalists for superintendent are touring the schools this week. She also passed

out a summary of the budget reduction recommendations that the administration gave the Board of Education at a recent meeting. She pointed out that these reductions, if adopted, could have a negative effect on the quality of education. She urged members to become personally aware of what happens and to register their personal opinions with elected officials. It was pointed out that the Foundation is apolitical and would have no official position on any of the issues being discussed.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm following a motion by J. McNally seconded by M. Cibulka. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve McDonnell
Recording Secretary