

GRAFTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 10, 2013

GHS Library Media Center

I. Call to Order

Bob Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. This is a regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Voting Board Members Present: Mike Donahue, Bob Hoffman, Julia McNally, Renee Riddle, Karen Walton

Voting Board Members Absent: Mike Cibulka

Non-Voting Board Members Absent: April Shanks

Guests Present: Dick Best, Lisa LaMaster, Mel Lightner, Steve Vepraskas

II. Introduction of Guests – Bob Hoffman

No first time guests were in attendance at the meeting.

III. Previous Meeting Minutes

Bob Hoffman submitted the minutes from the November 12, 2013 Board of Directors meeting for review. Mike Donahue made a motion that Karen Walton seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Mike Donahue

Mike presented the Treasurer's Report. Assets as of November 30, 2013 totaled \$47,071.44. For the eleven months ending November 30, 2013 there has been a Net Income of \$547.17.

V. Grafton Holiday Parade – Recap

Karen reported that our participation in the Holiday Parade was a success. All of the packets of Ramen Noodles were distributed and next year we will be looking to get more packets to hand out.

VI. Atlas BBQ – Rib Eating Contest Recap – Renee Riddle

Renee reported that at the end of the contest our entry, Doug Hahm, appeared to have the most clean bones on his plate, but contest officials declared the contest a three way tie.

VII. 21st Century Classroom Model – Mel Lightner

Mel gave a presentation of a model 21st Century Classroom. Gradually over a period of time the school district would like to remodel classrooms following this design. The preliminary estimated cost of remodeling each classroom would be \$3,000 to \$5,000.

He envisioned working with the Grafton Education Foundation to identify community individuals and companies that would make a contribution to this effort. A sign in each remodeled classroom would recognize the contributor to the remodeling.

VIII. GEF Sponsor Banners in the GHS Commons – Mel Lightner

Mel suggested that foundation sponsors as well as sponsors of our fundraisers could be honored with banners on display in the Grafton High School Commons. He distributed a sample of a green apple banner printed with the name of the sponsor organization, and amount of the contribution. Contributions made in multiple years could be identified by including on the banner each of the years that the contribution was made.

Mel Lightner left the meeting at this point.

IX. Variety Show Update – Steve Vepraskas

Steve reported that he had commitments for 8 acts for the Variety Show. He was looking for a minimum of 12 acts signed up by December 1st. Bob Hoffman reported that after talking to Steve, he extended the deadline to this coming Friday, December 13th, and he composed a message that April sent to the district staff. After the December 13th deadline passes, Steve will make his final decision.

Dick Best suggested that we should consider changing the format to include a troop from Comedy Sportz as part of the

entertainment in the Variety Show. Dick said that he would check with his Comedy Sportz contact and get back to Steve.

X. Soupor Bowl – Renee Riddle

Renee reviewed some of the changes to this year's Soupor Bowl. An additional 50 Reverse Cash Raffle tickets will be sold bringing the total to 250 tickets. Additional prizes will be awarded to bring the total to one prize every 20 tickets drawn. The price of the ticket remains \$100, which is the maximum allowed. There will be a maximum of four shares sold for each ticket.

There will be two separate bowling events, each having ten teams of four bowlers each.

A soup drive to benefit Family Sharing will be conducted as part of the Soupor Bowl. The school that collects the most soup cans as a percentage of the school population will win a prize.

John Long Middle School is soliciting sponsors for a fund raiser scheduled for January 17th. During a short discussion it was agreed that since financially supporting Grafton schools is our mission we should make a contribution. Renee Riddle made a motion that Julia McNally seconded to contribute \$500 toward the John Long Fund raiser. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Mascot Costume – Bob Hoffman & Julia McNally

Bob reported that the GEF mascot costume is not working out as expected. The support structure keeps falling part. Julia reported that when she wore the costume in the Holiday Parade, she found it heavy and she had difficulty seeing through the eyes of the costume. She felt that it would be very hard to wear while running in the Chamber race during the Giro de Grafton. Bob reported that the Foundation has not received the \$150 bill for the costume.

Julia indicated that she has found several websites with costumes that appear to be lighter, a better quality, but for a higher price. She will do more checking and will report back at a future meeting.

XII. Seeds to Harvest Update – Bob Hoffman

The Seeds to Harvest letter was sent to school district parents as an email on December 3rd. The total receipts contributed to date are \$7,019. This included \$4,005 from the community and \$3,014 from school district employees either as checks sent to the GEF or payroll deduction pledges.

Mike Donahue made a motion that Julia McNally seconded to accept the resignation of Bob Dunning from the Grafton Education Foundation Board of Directors.

XIII. Term Limits for Members of the B O D – Bob Hoffman

Bob indicated that he believes that the board should discuss the issue of term limits at a BOD meeting even if all members of the Board of Directors are not present for the discussion, as this is an important issue that needs to be resolved.

He explained that he favors revising the by-laws to eliminate term limits. We have had a difficult time recruiting new board members, and cannot afford to lose the ones that we have. In the short discussion that followed, many people in attendance agreed and Bob said that he would place revised by-laws on the agenda of the next meeting.

Bob also said that he is no longer able to continue as President of the Grafton Education Foundation. He feels that his age has left him mentally and physically exhausted. He said that he does not believe he will have to resign his presidency, but that he would not accept another term at the May 2014 annual meeting. He is planning to stay on as a member of the Board of Directors at least until his term expires in May, 2015.

XIV. Additional Committee Reports – All

There were no additional committee reports.

XV. Other Matters – All

Bob Hoffman reported the foundation's Standard Mail Permit license from the USPS will expire early in 2014. It was agreed that since the license results in a money savings for all bulk mailings, it should be renewed.

XVI. Adjournment – Bob Hoffman

Karen Walton made a motion that Renee Riddle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:35. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Bob Hoffman
Interim Recording Secretary