**GRAFTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**May 17, 2016**

**APPROVED**

GHS Library

1. **Call to Order**

Mike Cibulka called the April meeting of the Grafton Education Foundation to order at 7:03 p.m. This is the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

Directors Present: Tracy Brogelman, Mike Cibulka, Mike Donahue, Kerry Feutz, Bob Hoffman, Kathy Korb, Renee Riddle, April Shanks, Karen Walton, Joanne Ward, and Marjean Westphal

Directors Excused:

Directors Absent:

Members Present: Mary Gosewehr, Michael McMahon, and Josephine Maehl

1. **Introduction of Guests**

No guests are present at this meeting.

1. **Treasurer’s Report – Mike Donahue**

Summary of activity from February through April presented.

Decision was made to reallocate the money from the 21st Century Classroom into the General Checking Fund.

1. **Discussion as to the future of GEF**

The Executive Committee offered the following recommendations:

* Continue the GEF – to put the organization on hold or to stop would be a tough road to restart and there is momentum that would be lost.
* Work for major events needs to be spread across committees and subcommittees.

Discussion held on moving date and time of standing meetings. Agreement that going forward meetings will be the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm.

Communication will be increased through social media sites. Additional access will be given to committee chairs to act as administrators on accounts.

Focus will be made to invite additional people to meetings and focus on increasing involvement of community.

Board accepted the resignations of Julia McNally and Jen Teunissen from the board. Both will stay on as members of the Foundation.

Election of Officers –

The following individuals were nominated and approved as officers of the GEF Board of Directors:

President – Tammy Taylor

Past President – Mike Cibulka

Treasurer – Mike Donahue

Secretary – Kerry Feutz

It was approved that the President-Elect position would remain open until a candidate is identified.

The apple gavel was handed over to Tammy.

1. **Grant2016 Winner Announcement and Recommendation for**

**Approval – Karen Walton**

Motion was made and approved for 6 grants for the total amount of $23,670.14. Grants were approved for all 5 schools.

Discussion held on why fewer applications were submitted this year.

Mike Cibulka will be taking over as Grant Committee Chair moving forward.

Prize patrol will be held May 27th.

1. **Seeds to Harvest**

2015 Seeds to Harvest acknowledgement ad will be run in June and include the amount awarded in grants for 2016.

Mike Donahue will chair the Seeds to Harvest Campaign Committee going forward.

1. **Portraits in the Park**

Event will be chaired by Lisa LaMaster.

1. **Mike’s Citgo Fund Raiser**

Mike C will be following up with Mike and Heba on scheduling months for GEF fundraisers.

1. **Soupor Bowl**

Discussion held on if Soupor Bowl should continue as in previous years. Idea was discussed of pulling individual items from Soupor Bowl and holding at school events – for example – heads or tails game at a GHS Basketball Game.

It was agreed that for next meeting the individual elements of the Soupor Bowl would be identified and the June meeting will focus on determining the participation contribution for a 2017 event. Renee will send out the list of elements.

1. **Next Meeting**

June 20th 7 pm

Tammy will chair as President.

1. **Other Matters**

Kerry recommended sending out a communication to teachers/aids/staff before the end of the school year thanking them and encouraging 2017 grant applications.

Kerry will work with Carol to develop and send out.

Note will contain summary of approved 2016 Grants.

Tammy recommended GEF become a member of the National School Foundation. Participation will include recommendations and best practices from other school foundations. Annual cost is approximately $200.00. Recommendation was approved – Tammy will follow up.

1. **Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Kerry Feutz

Secretary