

Will Rogers High School Community Foundation
Board Meeting
January 16, 2014

The following were in attendance:

Board members:

Larry Beaubien
Darryl DeBorde
Beth Dennis
Jo Anne Lewis
Frank Marcum
Sherryl McGuire
Iris Studenny
Betty Trinkka
Paul Thomas
Lana Turner-Addison
Ron Woods
Steve Wright

Non-board members:

Cheryl Carter, Principal, Will Rogers (ex officio)
Carol Axley, Advisor
Lindsey Starr, Vice-Principal, Will Rogers, Advisor

Guests:

Johnnie Egbert
Tucker Harrison
Janet Miller
Linda White

Board President, Jo Anne Lewis called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. It was determined there was a quorum.

Darryl DeBorde delivered a moment of reflection.

Jo Anne introduced our guests.

Cheryl Carter gave the principal's report. Students continue to excel in competitions, (I Have a Dream Speech) and academics, in which 291 students with a 3 point GPA and 43 with a 4 point GPA. She showed a video, show casing the school.

Last meetings minutes were presented and Iris Studenny made a motion that they be accepted. Larry Beaubien seconded and the motion carried.

Larry Beaubien gave the treasurer's report. He handed out the Cash Flow Statement and explained the contents. Larry stated that as a charitable organization, we must have a list of names of those who have contributed. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Sherryl McGuire moved that we wave the annual audit. Beth Dennis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Paul Thomas, Committee on Directors/nominating, submitted Linda Frazier and Tucker Harrison to be considered as advisors to the board. Iris Studenny moved that they be approved. Beth Dennis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Iris Studenny reported on the WRHS 75th Anniversary Gala. Reservation process is in place, utilizing both email and regular mail. Moody's Jewelry has donated the door prize.

Hall of Fame event was a big success. Thanks to all.

Sherryl McGuire reported on, Development. We need to have follow up calls to the letters for sponsorships. We need help in underwriting the, "Gala." We need grant proposals submitted for projects at WRCHS. Our mailing list database is progressing. We need to make it as accurate as possible. Sherryl talked about the Oklahoma Center for Non-profit Management. It gives four sessions and we need to have representatives in attendance. She asked for \$500 to fund those attending the sessions. Iris Studenny made a motion that we fund \$500 for the OCNM sessions. Darryl DeBorde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sherryl said the project funding will be coordinated through the school and that the WRHSCF needs to be the payer of such projects only as a last resort. She said that last year we allocated \$6,000 for student projects and suggested that we allocate \$15,000 this year. Iris said that we should wait to see how much money is left over after the, "Gala," before we set an amount. Paul Thomas suggested that we allocate 25% of funding for the rest of this school year and 75% for next fall. Steve Wright suggested that we do a soft sale for donations during the auction at the, "Gala."

Larry Beaubien moved that we allocate \$6,000 for the remainder of the 2nd semester of this year. Darryl DeBorde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carol Axley suggested that we set up a WRHS trust.

It was noted that there was an opening for the chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Paul Thomas suggested that we partner with another organization for funds.

Steve Wright reported on the Public Relations Committee. He and Beth Dennis are, "On the job!!"

Lana Turner-Addison reported on the Gift Acceptance Committee. A plaque for the C/O '64 to honor the military was brought up. Lana said that we would need to have the value of the gift and what it would be representing. Jo Anne said that we need to be careful when dealing with plaques and that we need to table the C/O '64 plaque until later time.

Old Business:

Darryl DeBorde said that the foundation retreat should be held after the, "Gala."

As to the matter of the, "Organ," we need to revisit the matter at a later date, but for now, it needs to be tabled. Cheryl Carter said that the foundation needs to find someplace else to store the two organs located in the school.

Paul Thomas remarked that during the 75th Anniversary Gala, we need to inform those in attendance, about all the wonderful changes that have taken place at WRCHS.

Steve Wright said that tours of the school are still being given on the 2nd Monday of each month. There is a possibility of a tour on April 12th for people attending the, "Gala."

Beth Dennis wanted to know, what ever happened to the landscape work planned for the school? Darryl DeBorde stated that TPS had a different idea as to the overall project, so it was curbed for now.

Jo Anne said that the school has asked for a banner for the baseball field at a cost of \$300. Iris Studenny made a motion that we fund the \$300 to purchase the banner. Beth Dennis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jo Anne mentioned that there was the possibility of a 4 to 6 hour retreat with John Wilden. Jo Anne recommended that we start our foundation board meetings at 4:30pm.

New Business:

Iris Studenny said that the Tulsa Rotary Club would like to get involved with WRCHS. Board members can attend Rotary Club meetings, which take place every Monday at Driller Stadium at 12:00 Noon.

WRCHS Chess Club needs funding so that they can attend tournaments, as well as the language lab.

Larry Beaubien said that we need to change the control of our bank account from Dick Risk to Jo Anne Lewis. Both Larry and Jo Anne will be on the account.

Jo Anne set the next meeting for the WRHSCF to be held at the school on MARCH 13, 2014 AT 4:30PM.

Jo Anne adjourned the meeting at 6:19pm.

Minutes submitted by Frank Marcum, Secretary.