

WILL ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 3, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Will Rogers High School Community Foundation, Inc., met on June 3, 2011, at 1:30 p.m., at the Braden Park Baptist Church, 4739 East 5th Street, Tulsa, OK 74112. Due notice was given. The announced purpose of the meeting was to conduct ordinary business.

The meeting was called to order by Paul Thomas, president. Other directors present: Stacey Vernon (*ex officio*), Anita Bryant (Dry), the Rev. Darryl S. DeBorde, Jo Anne Meade Lewis, Sherryl McGuire, Richard Risk, Lana Turner-Addison, Ron Woods and Stephen M. Wright. A quorum was present.

Others in attendance: Kristine Bridges, Robert LaBass, advisors; Dr. Ric Baser, Tulsa Community College; and Phil Judkins and Phil Gray, American Theatre Organ Society.

The meeting opened with a meditation by the Rev. Darryl DeBorde.

Minutes of the November 4, 2010, meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's Report from the Foundation's inception through May 31, 2011, as prepared by Ron Emmons, CPA, was distributed.

Dick Risk reported on the receipt of the Foundation's receipt from the Internal Revenue Service of its Letter of Determination as a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3), and distributed IRS Publication 4221-PC, *Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities*. He noted that the Foundation could lose its tax exempt status by violating the rules and called on every officer and director to become familiar with the rules and to speak up if any plan or activity of the Foundation should be questioned and reviewed for compliance.

Dick Risk announced that Jeff Greer had resigned as a director. He nominated Jo Anne Meade Lewis, who has been serving as an advisor and active volunteer, to fill the term, which expires at the end of 2011. She will be eligible to be re-elected to a full three-year term. Motion: Passed unanimously.

Risk moved the adoption of the following: "Resolved that the Board of Directors expresses its sincere appreciation to Lyda Wilbur, outgoing principal of Will Rogers High School, for her leadership in encouraging the formation of the Will Rogers High School Community Foundation and then faithfully serving as an *ex officio* director, and wishes her all the best as she completes the requirements for her doctorate and in her future endeavors." Adopted unanimously. A certificate of resolution will be sent to Ms. Wilbur.

Risk announced that Ronald Radford, Class of '62, a world class flamenco guitarist who studied under the likes of Carlos Montoya, Andres Segovia and tribesmen of Spain, and a member of the Will Rogers High School Hall of Fame, has agreed to serve as an advisor of the Foundation.

Motion carried unanimously. As a Hall of Fame inductee, he was appointed as a voting member of the Hall of Fame Committee.

Steve Wright, chair of the ad hoc committee to oversee the Wurlitzer organ donation project, reported that the Wurlitzer organ donated by Gordon Wright and his son Chuck Wright (no relation to Steve Wright) has been moved from Round Rock, Texas, and is safely in storage at the school. This Wurlitzer originally came from the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Tulsa, prior to the theatre's demolition. The second organ, a gift from the family of the late Dorothy Smith of Tulsa, is in Tulsa, but not yet at the school. The Foundation will work with the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) to combine ranks of pipes from the two organs for installation in the Will Rogers High School auditorium's organ chamber. The console from the historic Orpheum Theatre organ will be used. The organ was brought from Round Rock to Tulsa by ATOS volunteers with expenses reimbursed by the Foundation. Steve introduced guests Phil Judkins and Phil Gray, both of the ATOS, who each spoke about the project.

Steve Wright was authorized to continue making arrangements for a professional assessment of what needs to be done and the estimated cost to do so. He was requested to continue to keep the Board apprised of the progress and to seek Executive Committee approval of any obligations to be made on behalf of the Foundation. The Executive Committee previously had been delegated the authority to execute a general memorandum of understanding with the school district for the relationship of the Foundation with the district. There followed a brief discussion on the status of that document.

The funds to be used for the organ project will come from an earmarked sub-account of the Foundation, not its general funds. Frank and Carol Morsani of the Tampa Bay area in Florida, both graduates of WRHS and Hall of Fame inductees, have donated \$25,000 for the organ project with a pledge to give another \$25,000 after the Foundation has raised \$100,000.

Stacey Vernon was introduced as the new principal of Will Rogers High School, who will serve as an *ex officio* director of the Foundation. Ms. Vernon most recently was principal at Thomas Edison Preparatory Middle School and High School. She and Dr. Ric Baser of Tulsa Community College (TCC) discussed the status of the transition of the school into a college preparatory magnet school, with opportunity to attain college credits from TCC while in high school. The discussions are still in preliminary stages as the school prepares to reopen for high school students in the fall of 2012. It will receive students for grades 7 through 9, this fall, with possibly some in grade 10.

Steve Wright, interim chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, announced that the induction planned for the evening of October 14, 2011, tentatively will be held as a dinner event at the University of Tulsa's Allen Chapman Activity Center. This would be preceded by an open house at the school as a chance for the public to meet the inductees. The Hall of Fame Committee presented four candidates to the Board of Directors for induction. Risk moved the adoption of the Hall of Fame's nominations: Preston Caruthers (real estate developer), Class of '45; Russell Myers (nationally syndicated cartoonist, creator of "Broom-Hilda"), '56; Stephen Chesebro' (petroleum industry executive), '59; and Lee Mayberry (professional basketball player), '88. Adopted unanimously.

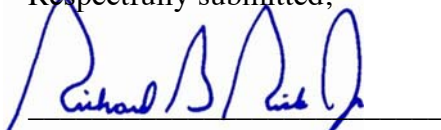
Sherryl McGuire, vice president and chair of the Development Committee, led a discussion on plans for fund raising, presenting her committee's written Fund Development Plan. The Hall of Fame event will provide an opportunity to share the Foundation's mission and goals with key citizens, including alumni, and its need for funding through tax-deductible donations.

The Foundation's website, developed and hosted by Risk, was recommended as a resource to officers, directors and advisors of the Foundation and as a way to introduce the Foundation to alumni and others who may be interested. The address is: www.willrogersfoundation.net.

The date of the next Board of Directors meeting was not set, to be held at a time and location to be announced.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard B. Risk, Jr., Secretary