

Will Rogers High School Community Foundation Called Board Meeting- Organ Project October 30, 2014

Those in attendance:

Darryl De Borde, Johnnie Egbert, Bob La Bass, Jo Anne Lewis, Frank Marcum, Sherryl McGuire, Shawn Moseman, Sam Roop, Karen Simonson, Iris Stuedenny, Paul Thomas, John Tiger, Betty Trinkka, Jan Weinheimer, Ron Woods and Steve Wright.

Jo Anne Lewis called the meeting to order at 4:37pm and determined that we had a quorum.

Darryl De Borde gave the Moment of Reflection.

The organ project report was given by Steve Wright. He showed a power point presentation on the organ project. (see attachment).

Sam Roop talked about the License Agreement with TPS on the organ. (see attachment).

Sherryl McGuire gave the fund raising report. (see attachment). She commented that we should move forward on this project or we could lose our credibility.

Iris Studenny made a motion that called for the board have a yes or no vote by paper balloton the question:

Shall this foundation sign an agreement with Tulsa Public Schools, agreeing to finance the installation and maintenance of a rebuilt organ and pipes, in the Tulsa Will Rogers auditorium?

Motion was seconded by Karen Simonson.

Betty Trinkka commented that the school was on the National Registry and that an organ expert had called the WRHS auditorium, one of the finest in the world.

Paul Thomas moved that word rebuilt, be replaced by, the proposed. Betty Trinkka seconded and the motion carried. Discussion followed.

Karen Simonson said that she feels we should have a budget for the organ.

Steve Wright stated that there is a budget already.

Iris said that a bid not done.

Steve said that it has been done. \$1,500 for organ storage and \$150,000 for construction to start with and fundraise for the other \$150,000.

Darryl commented that we should go for more than \$300,000 and have a fundraiser over a period of three years.

Paul reminded us that there is always a risk that TPS could close the school at some future time.

Ron Woods stated that there is nothing that we can do about what TPS will do as to school closings, so let's not worry about this matter.

Iris handed out 10 reasons to vote against signing contract with TPS dealing with the organ.

Her comments are as follows:

1. Contract originally created by TPS attorney. No foundation attorney input.
2. Ask for true cost of this entire project, including installation fees for rebuilt organ, pipes and moving current ventilation system, along with maintenance and insurance costs.
3. Has this foundation ever raised this much funding for a single project before?
4. Will donations to this single project affect our regular fund raising as to our stated goals?
5. Will foundation have any input to who uses the organ, plays organ or security of organ, which will affect our maintenance?
6. Should TPS restructure, in any way, the building or usage? Would the foundation have any rights to the organ after such great expense?
7. Does the benefits of such a great expense truly advance the stated mission and vision of this foundation?
8. Can this great expenditure of foundation funding be spent in a wiser, realistic effort to advance the stated mission and vision of this foundation?
9. How many churches in the Tulsa municipal area have organs?
10. How does Tulsa Central High School and Philbrook Museum use their current working organs?

Steve relied to several of Iris's comments, are as follows:

1. True, there was no foundation attorney input.
2. We have true, all inclusive costs.
3. No.
4. No, it will enhance our goals.
5. Yes.
6. Yes we will.
7. Large capital donors are different than small everyday donors.

Jo Anne stated that we will benefit from this project.

Frank Marcum stated that the foundation should set up a presentation, showcasing the Will Rogers auditorium and the organ project and invite the large capital donors in the area to support us in this venture. We can contact the Carnegie Foundation to see if they still deal with organs as they once did by donating organs all over America. This doable and will do nothing but raise the status of the school.

Sherryl stated that the 75th Anniversary helped and so will the organ project.

Paul asked that, if we initiate contract, what agreement do we have as to what is needed for the organ as to maintenance and insurance?

Darryl stated that we need to make sure that we have the right insurance.

Paul asked, if the board does the contracting, who will make sure that the contracts will be followed through with?

Steve said that the experts in the area will do the work.

Paul asked, will we work with TPS on this?

Bob La Bass said that TPS will look at the organs to make sure that the building will stay intact.

Jan Weinheimer said that it would be sad that after all this, that the organ would not be utilized. She feels that \$300,000 is not enough. She also wouldn't like to see the mission of the foundation to the school diluted. As a side note Jan also announced that she is resigning from the board.

At this time Darryl De Borde said that we should call for the vote, but discussion continued.

Sam Roop said that we need project management and that there are volunteers in the area that could help with this.

Iris feels we should hold off until agreement with TPS is done.

Steve said that costs are within what we already have. ATOS feels that we can get by with \$2,000 per year for maintenance. Insurance is a must for this with TPS.

Paul said that we need to wait to decide if TPS changes agreement.

Bob said to make changes on agreement and let TPS deal with this and get back to the board.

Karen commented that if for some reason TPS doesn't want the organ in the future, just in case, we should put a \$1.00 buy back clause in the agreement.

Jo Anne called for the vote.

Twelve votes were accounted for and the count was:

Yes -9, that we should sign the agreement.

No – 3, that we should not sign the agreement.

Therefore, the board has voted to sign the agreement with TPS as to the matter of the organ project.

Sherryl moved that we give Jo Anne Lewis and Steve Wright the authority to handle the organ agreement.

Betty seconded the motion and motion carried.

Jo Anne adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.