

SIEF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2024

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

State Farm Conference Room

The SIEF Board was called to order by Corby Fichter on September 5, 2024 in the State Farm conference room at 7:30 a.m with the following members present:

Attendees: Amanda Branson, Paula Brownlee, Jamie Burdorf, Lance Cornelius, Corby Fichter, Jenni Hansen, Craig Lundgren, Amy Miller, Duane Rexroth, Heather Weiss, Dr. Kerri Nelson

Absent: Nick Bosley, Julie O'Hara

Reports

Secretary: Presented minutes from the August 1, 2024 meeting. A motion was made (Rexroth) and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer:

- Bank balance: \$45,129.02
- Principal balance: \$ 907,467.76. Down \$45,000 due to transfer of payment to scholarships. Principal financial report was made available.
- Year end and tax returns have been completed by Bruce Baldwin.

A motion was made (Weiss) and seconded (Rexroth) to approve the treasurer's report as read. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President: No report

President:

- No meeting will be held in October.
- November meeting has been moved to Nov. 14, 2024 and will be at Administration building
- December meeting remains scheduled for Dec. 5
- Will schedule a January 2024 strategic planning meeting
- Follow-up from last meeting on Executive Director position. Need to find a time to meet with Jamie, Julie, and myself

Dr. Kerri Nelson:

- Year off to a good start
- Shared information about a mental health program called HOPE Squad, a suicide prevention program.
 - High school staff is interested. A team would be trained including both staff and a group of student leaders.
 - Licensed advisor training occurs in October -\$8,500 cost and would include crisis response team, AEA, behavior threat and management training.
 - District could sustain the program's annual cost but are asking for assistance for the start-up costs.

- Summer UNO teacher leadership conference for educators that involves entire staff capacity. Will be June 25, 26. Would like to take 20 staff including mentoring. \$6,000 for 2 days. \$300 per person
- A memorial has recently been placed and Nelson may redirect some of those monies

Executive Director:

- The SIEF welcome back to school lunch was deemed a success. Received several positive comments/thank yous.

Committee Reports

PR Committee-Nick, Jamie, Lance, Craig

- Added Instagram
- Posting has been made to website. Craig has been very helpful.

Scholarship Committee- Duane, Julie, Amy, Lance, Heather

- Meet Oct. 3

Project Committee-Jamie, Craig, Amy, Duane, Amanda

- Auditorium seating has not yet been started. Boiler issues and costs have delayed this project. It is hoped to begin the seating project in the next two months.
- Linda Lloyd interested in contributing toward the auditorium seating project. Jamie will contact Linda.
- A memorial has recently been placed and earmarked for the purchase of new band uniforms.

Grant Committee-Paula, Heather, Duane, Jenni

- A meeting will follow the board meeting to discuss applications for grant
- Timeline for writing/receiving of grants was changed to July 1-May 1 of the current school year
- Committee will meet with each building level to provide overview and answer questions

Foundation Banquet Committee-Nick, Paula, Julie, Jamie, Amy

- March 29, 2025 at the Elks Lodge
- Committee will be meeting in October to begin preparations

Newsletter Committee-Jamie, Julie, Nick, Amy

- Goal is to put newsletter out in November
- Donor list is now listed by last name

Audit Committee-Lance, Duane, Paula, Amy

- Reported that the self-audit went well, everything was very organized and in good order.
- One item needed was to have a back-up treasure in the event something happens to current treasure
 - Amanda Branson will provide assistance if needed

Discussion/Updates

- Meeting September 27 at May Center-5:00-7:00 pm Meeting September 27 at May Center-5:00-7:00 pm spearheaded by Terry Rennack and other members of the class of 1971.
 - some questions were generated that may be addressed during this meeting
- Monetary compensation for the position of treasurer will be readdressed following completion of audit.
 - If current treasure denies direct compensation, may be able to donate that amount back to the Foundation
- Need to build infrastructure within organization

- Need to purchase a 'Foundation' printer was discussed
- Pete Weber golf tournament Sept. 28 and plans proceeding
- Tony Black mentorship update
- further thoughts on Craig's suggestion for Wellness type incentives
- Freshening the website
 - After completion of the audit, add the financial statement to the website
 - Post meeting minutes
 - Craig will have access to website
 - Put 'our story' and accomplishments on the site, adding something new monthly
 - Ex: scholarships awarded, follow-ups on what recipients are doing
 - Do we need a calendar of events?

Electronic Actions/Discussions

9/8/24 Oct. 3, 2024 meeting was canceled (Corby F.)

9/8/24 Nov. 7, 2024 meeting moved to Nov. 14, 2024 (Corby F.)

9/24/24 Members invited to greet golfers during the Pete Weber Golf Tournament and to attend the Sept. 30, 2024 Shen Dig Committee gathering at the Elks. (Jamie B.)

9/25/24 Received agenda for the 9/27/24 meeting with Terry Rennack and Class of 1971

9/26/24 Request from Dr. Kerri Nelson seeking financial support from the SIEF to fully fund the Hope Squad mental health/suicide project. Motion was made to provide funding (Branson) and seconded (Lundgren) and passed unanimously.

Dr. Nelson also provided information regarding cost of a leadership training offered in June, 2025