

Morgan Education Foundation
Minutes – June 17, 2015 Morgan School District Office

Those in attendance were Diana Windley, D'Lynn Poll, Shaun Peterson, Neil Carrigan, Kathy Markham, Becky Weeks, Brenda Crossley, Scott Duncan, and Kelly Wright. Justin Weeks was out of town & asked to be excused.

Diana called the meeting to order at 6:35am and Becky Weeks offered an invocation.

The Board reviewed the minutes from May's meeting and it was noted that Scott Deru asked for a two-year leave of absence, not one year as stated in the minutes. Kelly Wright made a motion to accept the minutes with that change and D'Lynn Poll seconded. All voted in favor to accept the minutes with the proposed change.

Financial Report

D'Lynn Poll presented the financial report for the Board's review.

The Board discussed how to divide the funds earned in the Affiliate Programs account. The money has been accumulating for over a year and board members felt that it should be distributed. The women who helped organize that program requested that the funds be divided according to school population, however the majority of the Board felt that would be too complicated & wouldn't make much of a difference given the relatively small amount in the account. A majority felt that the monies should be divided equally among the schools. Neil moved to divide the money equally among the four district schools, Kathy seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. D'Lynn will contact each school's principal to let them know the amount of money available to their school so that they can submit a grant request for those funds.

D'Lynn noted there has been a lot of activity in the Scholarship Board account and several scholarships have been requested and paid out already.

There is \$3558.19 in the Classroom Grant account. All classroom grant requests from 2014-2015 have been paid out.

Kelly Wright asked for clarification on the Athletic Programs Restricted account. He noted that those funds have been in that account for a while and wondered if we are honoring the requests of the donors. D'Lynn reported that the individual donated the money with specific requests and she is eager to distribute those funds, but is simply waiting for a grant request to be submitted by the team.

Kelly made a motion to accept the financial report and Scott Duncan seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve the financial report.

Governance Report

Kelly Wright reported that the governance committee had completed the revision of the By-Laws. He spoke of the importance of the mission statement and how important it is that the Education Foundation serves to unite the community and the schools of the Morgan School District.

He directed our attention to Section 3.11 that states that each member of the board shall serve on an action committee. He recommended that at an upcoming meeting those assignments should be made. He also noted that we are without a chair elect and that position needs to be filled as well.

The Board reviewed the changes to the By-laws and Neil Carrigan moved to accept them and Scott Duncan seconded. All voted in favor of the By-laws.

Diana thanked Kelly and the governance committee for all of the time and effort they have spent on updating the By-laws. They will continue to work on the Policies and Procedures.

Classroom Grants

There have been fifteen classroom grant requests submitted so far this year totaling \$7300. The teachers have until July 1st to submit a grant request. D'Lynn will send out one more email reminding the teachers of the deadline.

D'Lynn Poll noted that there will be twelve new teachers in the fall and they will be allowed to submit grant requests until October 1st.

Neil Carrigan moved to appoint Becky Weeks and Scott Duncan to serve on the Grant Review Committee. Kelly Wright seconded and all voted in favor. Becky & Scott will review the grant requests prior to the July board meeting so that the Board can vote on them at that time.

Fun Run

The Color Me Bright Fun Run will be held on September 28, 2015 following the street painting.

In an effort to get more students to participate, Brenda Crossley proposed that we reduce the price to \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. She said she spoke to many students and parents and they said it was simply too expensive for them to support.

Kathy Markham felt that the price was too low and questioned if that would even cover our costs. She also felt it was unfair to continually want to raise the price of participation in the golf tournament, but drop the price of the Color Run. Brenda said if we reduced the price, we would not include a t-shirt so our costs would be significantly reduced. Each participant would receive just one bag of color. We could have t-shirts and additional bags of color available for purchase. Kathy wondered what we would be offering the sponsors if their name wasn't on a t-shirt that all participants would receive.

Scott Duncan suggested a family rate of \$50 per family. Brenda felt that offering a family rate would be a nightmare. She dealt with them when she was running the county fair and found that people took advantage of them and they lost money.

There was a discussion on how to increase participation. The following ideas were mentioned as possible solutions.

- Increase and improve advertising
- Get more sponsors
- Post all of the information on the Foundation's website and direct people to that site
- Sell color at the beginning and in the middle of the race
- Shop around for a lower price on t-shirts
- Invite teachers and principals to throw the color
- Simplify the registration process. Diana Windley will get pricing from Bell Photography on how much a flyer with a tear strip & envelope at the bottom would be.

Brenda will look at all of the ideas and report back at the next meeting.

Golf Tournament

The Classroom Caddie Golf Tournament will be held on August 4, 2015 at Round Valley Golf Course. A continental breakfast will be offered beginning at 8:00am with play starting at 9:00am. The cost is \$300 per team or \$75 per player. There are still some open slots so Kathy Markham encouraged all board members to invite any golfers they know to sign up. Kathy mentioned that any board members who can help on that day would be greatly appreciated.

D'Lynn Poll has secured several major sponsors including Hogan Construction & Westland Construction, which will greatly help to defer the cost of hosting the tournament. Diana Windley said she would check with Get Away Today and ask them if they would be willing to be a sponsor or donate a trip to be used in a prize drawing.

The committee will meet on July 1st at Kathy Markham's home to finalize the plans.

4th of July Parade

The Education Foundation has traditionally participated in the Morgan 4th of July parade. Brenda Crossley will talk to Young Ford about providing a truck for any board members who are in town to ride in and throw candy from. Diana Windley, Brenda Crossley, & Kathy Markham said they would likely be in town and would represent the Foundation in the parade.

Kathy Markham moved to adjourn the meeting, Becky Weeks seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00am.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 15th, at 6:30am.