Grafton Education Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

April 8, 2019

Grafton High School Library-7:00 PM

1. **Call to order- Chris Hogan**

The meeting was called to order by Chris at 7:01pm

1. **Introduction of guests- All**

**Board of Directors Present:** Tammy Taylor, Ann Roskos, Joanne Ward, Lisa Tagliapietra, Michelle Bigler, Amanda Olejniczak, Chris Hogan, Karen Powell, Tracy Brogelman, April Shanks

**Board of Directors Excused:** Mike Cibulka, Erin Schumaker

**Members Present:** Mary Helen Hogan, Bob Hoffman

**Guests Present:** Jeff Nelson, Kelli Gripe

1. **Minutes of previous Board Meeting**

The notes from the February meeting were approved after corrections made to sponsorship amounts (total $250) and addition of April Shanks to the absent list

1. **Treasures Report- Ann Roskos**

$865 total for the Hawks Nest

$40 added for the bowling event

Credit card fees deducted

$59897.59 for the Souper Bowl

$250 for advertising cost

Discussion around the idea of adding a request for donators to cover the cost of their credit card fee when submitting a donation at Souper Bowl

1. **Update on sponsorship agreements (requiring our 501C3 status)—Jeff Nelson**

Acuity Gymnasium 🡪 $425,000 donation for 25 years

$25,000 for indoor and outdoor sign, $400,000 for the donation towards the district.

We can still have other signage in the gymnasium, Acuity sign just needs to be larger.

Athletic Facilities in need of attention and the money from Acuity is earmarked to go towards this (ie: turf, ticket booth, restrooms by soccer field, plaza off of the stadium, fence to funnel traffic into the stadium providing and organized checkpoint).

However, in order to get the money, Acuity needs to pass money through a 501c3.

The money would be paid from Acuity and pass through the GEF and paid to the school district.

Upon initial discussion, it appears that the donation meets the GEF mission and that a donation of this size would greatly benefit the school district.

Acuity has requested quarterly statements of how the money is being spent; it may be a request of the GEF Board to receive this same statement to ensure the money is being spent and still meeting our mission.

Jeff did say that GEF would be acknowledged in publications announcing this donation.

The Board members agree to partner with Acuity and the school district to accept the pass through $425,000 donation (designated as unrestricted funds).

Jeff will discuss with the district legal team.

A motion was made and approved to accept the donation from Acuity and pass through to the district.

1. **School Store Update – Lisa/Erin**

Jeff said that the district would be able to get the remaining $4,000 ($16,000 raised through donations through GEF; $20,000 estimate on getting the store up and running)

1. **Souper Bowl -go forward options –Board/Karen/Lisa/Erin**

Still need to hear back from US Bank – April will get in contact with Melissa and Mike

Jeff said that there are some concerns about making the exception to alcohol on campus, but a formal vote would be needed with the school board members

1. **Educator of the year proposal—follow up discussion—Tracy B**

Karen and Tracy created a document outlining ideas for the Education Award through the GEF

One name was discussed, the Golden Apple Award

Possible for rollout year (2019-2020) have a more limited number of awards

To have teachers vote for support staff may be beneficial

A Google Form to handle nominations

How much money does GEF want to give for these awards?

Do we need to require the money be spent on educational needs? Support staff do not have a set classroom so the initial thought was that the money would be a gift with no restrictions

1 winner from each school seems like a reasonable idea at this time

Joanne will help on this committee

1. **Grant Update - Tammy**

11 applicants in total

Roughly $71,261.88 was requested

Tammy brought up the idea of getting student testimonials and create a short video for grant presentation/prize patrol

$175,000 in the bank account

A motion was made and approved to fund the grants should all the grants meet the criteria

Tammy will be talking with Kevin about creating something like the big check so that we don’t have to print the giant checks

Prize patrol date will be announced at the next meeting

1. **GEF/GHSD calendar of events—Update-Sean**

No updates for the calendar

1. **School Board Updates – Board Member**

Amanda was at the March meeting

Bob will be at the April meeting – will discuss the Color Blast and Prize Patrol, mention Educator of the Year Award and adjust details on the Souper Bowl

1. **Additional Committee Member Reports**

Tracy will not be chairing the Seeds to Harvest committee in the upcoming year

A new member will be needed to handle writing the letter and coordinating the mailing lists for the Seeds to Harvest campaign

Lisa and Kelli will be meeting with Jaime on Thursday to discuss layout of the race course. They will also discuss Food Trucks at the event.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.