

South High Foundation
Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors

November 14, 2006

Directors attending: Dennis Fazio, George Dahl, Jim Bloom, Loyd Schanke, Nancy Rosenow, Rod Hemstreet, Brian Thomson, Harold Benson, Elmer Koch, Marlys Schluck

Directors absent:,

Members attending: Judy Philstrom, Carol Colloton, Marles Fredbo, Melvin Haagenson, Gerry Sell

Others: Chester McCoy Assistant Principal, Zee Gregerson Parent Liaison

Meeting opened by Mr. Schanke at 7:00pm. Mr. Chester McCoy introduced himself as Assistant Principal.

Agenda

No changes to the agenda were made.

Minutes

Motion by Dennis Fazio to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Administration

Now in the throes of 8th grade recruiting. With a shrinking population, high schools are working to attract the best students. Open house is Dec 7 for prospective students and families. Chess team took 4th place at North High tournament.

Fundraising Committee

Still working on strategic fundraising plan with Mr. Henley. Interviews with board going slowly. Working on early planning on the Pancake Breakfast. A short submission for the newsletter for fundraising was sent in. Discussion about sending out an additional special appeal was held and it was determined that it was effective. The Fall Newsletter results were presented by Rod Hemstreet. \$5,348 in expenses \$4,105 has been received through the end of October. Mr. Schanke suggests 2 letters, one focused to high givers and one a more detailed and wider-based mailing for smaller amounts. Another idea was a pass-the-hat at various events (luncheons, pancake breakfast, etc).

Finance Committee

Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance is \$17,992. Investors Choice Savings is \$87,800,. Available Funds total is \$14,481.50.

We are at about \$330,000 in our endowment fund and will receive about \$5,000 in dividends/year. Finberg fund is at \$746,000 on Oct 31.

Grants and Scholarships Committee

The Committee moved to authorize \$12,000 for the assistant coaches requested by Mark Sanders. Motion carried. There are 9 scholarship funds under the Foundation's care with a range of \$500 to \$5,000. About 15 students benefited to the level of about \$30,000 last Spring. Elmer Koch will be liaison for the Wallin Scholarship committee. Scholarship funds are now coming to the Foundation for handling rather than through the school.

Grants authorized:

\$4,000 for Freshmen coaches (1st payment)

\$990 for ACT/SAT prep classes

\$600 for music transportation

\$350 for the football banquet (designated gift)

Total distributed: \$5,940

Communications Committee

Publicity Subcommittee: No report

Liaison Subcommittee: Last site council was end of October. Biggest issue was the Homecoming Dance which was disastrous because there were 500 students and 15 chaperones. Student dance behavior was inappropriate and uncontrollable. They were released outside at 8:30 until 10:00. South has Title I money this year and the goal is that all seniors are prepared for college with no remedial work. The council will split into two subcommittees, one to deal with the budget and the other scheduling.

Membership Committee

About 30 people indicated they would like to become involved at a solicitation at a recent Alumni Luncheon.

Long Range Planning Committee

Two new members last month. Linda Nelson heard from Dan Ambrook director of public schools facilities. There is now some interest to do something about the Athletic Field.

Computer/Database upgrade

Dennis Fazio reported on progress on the new computer and database. He reported that he had found a donors database application that will be much better to use than the existing file

structure. The Board decided that we should use southhighfoundation.com/.org/.net registered for our use.

Old Business

Elmer Koch distributed a proposed guidelines for acknowledgement for death, illness, marriage, birth or other significant life events. Mr. Schanke asked the Board to review and come back next meeting with thoughts.

Adjourn

Motion by Gerry Sell to adjourn. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.