

**South High Foundation**  
**Minutes**  
Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 12, 2007

Directors attending: Dennis Fazio, Jim Bloom, Loyd Schanke, Rod Hemstreet, Brian Thomson, Harold Benson, Elmer Koch, Marlys Schluck, Steve Lindquist, Art Lakoduk

Directors absent:, George Dahl

Members attending: Carol Colloton, Arline Doyle, Judy Pihlstrom, Warren Schluck, Richard Westby, Lillian Iverson, Melvin Haagenson

Meeting opened by Mr. Benson at 7:00pm.

Mr. Benson introduced the new members of the Membership committee. The chair, and new Board Member is Art Lakoduk. The others are Judy Pihlstrom, Lillian Iverson, Arline Doyle, Marlys Schluck, Carol Colloton.

**Agenda**

Agenda was presented and no changes made.

**Minutes**

Motion by Dennis Fazio to approve minutes from May meeting. Motion carried.

**Charities Registration and report**

Motion by Dennis Fazio that the Board approves the contents of the Charitable Organization Registration Statement as presented and does authorize the Treasurer and Secretary to complete and file this statement at the Attorney General's office with any corrections that may be necessary for proper and accurate filing. Carried

Motion by Dennis Fazio that the Board approves the contents of the Charitable Organization Annual Reports for 2004, 2005 and 2006 as presented and does authorize the Treasurer and Secretary to complete and file these statements at the Attorney General's office with any corrections that may be necessary for proper and accurate filing. Carried

## **Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation**

Motion by Dennis Fazio to amend the Articles of Incorporation with the following insertion to allow actions without a meeting to be taken with a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board.

### Article XIV

An action required or permitted to be taken at a board meeting may be taken by written action signed, or consented to by authenticated electronic communication, by two thirds of the directors.

The written action is effective when signed, or consented to by authenticated electronic communication, by the required number of directors, unless a different effective time is provided in the written action.

When written action is taken, all directors must be notified immediately of its text and effective date. Failure to provide the notice does not invalidate the written action. A director who does not sign or consent to the written action is not liable for the action.

Motion by Mr. Schanke to amend to require  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote. Carried

Motion, as amended, approved.

## **Authorization to refile Articles**

Motion by Dennis Fazio to authorize the secretary and any other officers necessary to reconstruct the Articles of Incorporation, including the text of the original nine articles, the four articles added in 1985 and the one article added at the present meeting. The Board authorizes the secretary to confer with legal counsel for advice and take all steps necessary to amend the Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State in full substitution, using only the text authorized in this resolution. The Secretary will report back with the results and copies of the substituted Articles at the September meeting. Carried

Mr. Thomson moved that the board establish a registration and tax compliance committee composed of the Secretary, the Treasurer and Mr. Thomson. Carried.

## **Strategic Planning and Budget**

Mr. Benson presented a vision statement to trigger discussion on the future of the Foundation. (Attached to these minutes). Mr. Schanke suggested that the committee meetings be held on the same evening as the board meeting for convenience.

Mr. Koch then led the board and members in a set of subgroups to go over a list of ideas and activities and assign them to appropriate committees. The group then reassembled and reviewed and compared results.

Mr. Benson and others will work with the committees over the Summer.

## **Grants and Scholarships Report**

The committee took the following actions:

1. \$1,000 to help support our students' participation in the Vista program at Anderson Open School.
2. \$5,000 to pay for a coordinator in the South High Counseling Dept. for Advanced Placement testing. The Committee decided not to recommend funding for this request

The Committee made the following recommendation:

That \$2,900 be granted for Planner books. The Committee recommends funding 750 planners out of the 1500 requested.

Motion by Dennis Fazio to amend to make the grant conditional upon recognition of the Foundation on the cover. carried.

Motion by Mr. Schanke to amend to specify the planners are to be for Freshman and special ed students. Accepted by the committee with no objection.

Motion, as amended, carried.

## **Athletic Field Project**

The District has given full approval of the Athletic field improvements the Foundation is proposing. Mr. Schanke presented a frame design of the two buildings to the Board. The goal is still to get them done in time for the opening of school. Total cost would be about \$30,000 maximum for labor and materials. Completion should be about a week from start to finish

We currently have about \$30,000 cash on hand. A dedicated fund raising campaign can be initiated. We already have commitment for \$10,000 from a donor for the project.

Mr. Schanke moved that the Board approve the project for two Athletic Field buildings at \$30,000. Some members expressed concern that fundraising hasn't been identified yet. Mr. Fazio recommended the motion be amended to specify payment be made from Foundation Funds on hand to be replaced by a dedicated fundraising letter to occur by July 1. Accepted with no objection. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in August (August 14). Location will be determined later.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Presented by Chair, Harold Benson, to the South High Foundation Board on 6/12/07.

I want to thank the Foundation for the opportunity to serve as Chairperson of the South High Foundation.

To provide leadership for the Foundation will indeed, be a challenge. We are facing a crossroad in the history of this organization.

The Foundation has been in existence for approximately 20 years. It got its start from individuals that had a dream for their beloved school. They struggled for lack of funds but had dedicated themselves to the principles and goals of the Foundation.

Through hard work and dedication they have built a Foundation that has become a model that other schools strive to become.

Today, our Foundation faces some serious obstacles.

The world is changing and our beloved Foundation must adapt in order to be a viable organization to meet the needs of the students at South High.

We need to examine how we function and take the appropriate steps to become more efficient in carrying out our duties.

Our members have reached senior status that requires us to reach out to younger individuals that can carry the torch into the future.

We have established a Membership Committee that has as its purpose to recruit future individuals that not only support our mission, but also provide the leadership that will continue the proud tradition of the South Foundation.

We must seek to bring back those individuals that once were active to encourage, once again, to contribute to the cause.

We must look at the concept of what is a member of the Foundation. We must strengthen the number of our membership so that we may be stronger as an organization. We once required members to apply to the Foundation to be members at a cost of \$10 to show their commitment. With their card they received, they knew they were members. We should look at this concept again to clarify this issue.

As the times have changed so has the cost of financing grants for the students at South. In the past, grant requests were generally in the hundreds of dollars. Last year, the Foundation received requests that now are in the thousands of dollars range. This is to be expected and the Foundation needs to look at its fundraising to meet this challenge. We must strengthen our fundraising by being creative in looking at new ways to raise funds. We need to re-establish our Grant Writing Subcommittee to seek additional funds. We must build on what this fine Committee has done, strengthen the numbers of members of this Committee and identify individuals that provide a background in finance and that have organizational skills that will assist in expanding our ability to raise money to finance our endeavor.

I believe, to be a viable Foundation, we need to have a budget of at least \$100,000 a year in order to carry our responsibilities into the future.

We have organizational needs. We have to strengthen our Communication Committee in order to communicate with each other as well as the community we serve. We are handicapped in the area of Public Relations and there is a need to strengthen the message of our newsletters. We must provide the

necessary resources to see that our Foundation story is broadcast clearly to our community.

We must look to clarify what our financial needs are to strengthen our organization. I am requesting that our working Committees establish budgets to be presented to the South High Board members for consideration. The Fundraising Committee will need to be aware of the expenses needs to carry out the mission of the Foundation.

The South High Foundation Board members will have the responsibility of establishing the budget for the entire organization. With this established, the members of the Foundation will have a clear picture of the financial challenges that are needed.

The Grants Committee will no longer have the uncertainty of knowing whether we can afford to finance the grants. NO longer tell the originator of the grant we have to wait to see if we have the money, and thus, appear to be financially unstable.

The Scholarship Committee has fostered the scholarships facilitated by the Foundation. The Finnberg Scholarship Fund has enhanced our efforts to provide opportunities for students that wish to become K 12 teachers. We must promote the Foundation's scholarships but not at the expense of our General Fund needs.

Our Finance Committee has done an excellent job throughout the years. We have benefited by their experience and expertise. We need to see that this continues by assuring that the Committee's membership is ready to take the leadership roles when it is necessary to do so. I would also recommend that a Board Member at Large be a member of this Committee to represent the views of the general membership. The Long Range Committee will have the responsibility to continue to identify programs or projects that will further enhance the Foundation's effort to meet the needs of South students. Individuals and/or groups will be asked to get on this Committee's agenda to discuss their proposals. Currently Marlys Schluck received communication from an individual wishing to encourage Entrepreneur Programs for students at South. The Long Range Committee would be an excellent forum to discuss the project. To be efficient we need to identify appropriate goals for our Committees. We need to identify the tasks needed to be taken to achieve these goals. Identify time lines and who is responsible to carry on the tasks that will assure that the goals will be accomplished.

This summer we will work together to clarify how we can work together to make our organization as efficient as possible so that we can carry on the Foundation's good works into the future.

The Committee Chairs will assist in identifying the appropriate times in which our working sessions can take place. Committee members as well as interested members of the Foundation will be asked to participate in these planning sessions.