

Minutes

Board Meeting

South HS Media Center – April 14, 2009

1. Call to order

Harold Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The following board members were present:

- Harold Benson, Elmer Koch, George Dahl, Marlys Schluck, Judy Ayers, Steve Lindquist, Rod Hemstreet, Art Lakoduk
- Members, Guests & Others Attending: Carol Peterson, Marge Harris, Warren Schluck, Melvin Haagenson, Carol Colloton, Jim Bloom, Vonda Gluck, Dick Westby

2. Minutes

MOTION by George D. to approve the minutes of the March 10 meeting. Second by Jim B.
DISCUSSION: The opening statement in the Treasurer's report regarding distribution of income between the Foundation & Save The Tiger is misleading and needs to be revised. **CARRIED.**

3. Special Guests – George Dahl

- Introduction of the South High Chess Team, and coach Jack, which received a grant of \$2,000 to help with transportation. Adam is the top player in the State of Minnesota this year. Henry, a sophomore, with a 6-point overall for the State of Minnesota. The Team flew to nationals, and placed 9th in the nation. They played seven rounds, four hours each over the course of the tournament.

4. Reports:

A. Site Council – Marge Harris

- The Site Council will be involved with the interview process of candidates for the principal position vacated by Linda Nelson. The screening team has 4 teachers, 1 counselor, 2 support staff, 3 parents, and 3 students. The characteristics generated by the staff are interesting. Linda has enough money to reinstate all staff members, the issue is in materials and supplies. They expect fewer students.

B. Historian – Dick Westby

- Shared photo from the Class of '36. Also, the Class of 1950 student listing with "noted for" and ambitions notes. Harold Benson was noted for his buddies. And he ran with a "gang" that was closely knit – Jimmy Larson, Cliff Arbeck, Kenny Miller, the Benson Boys, and a number of others. His ambition: to get Diane.

C. Treasurer's Report – Steve Lindquist

- Treasurer's report was not available for the meeting. It will be emailed to the directors this week, and printed for the May meeting. Income is down, we had approximately \$3,000 for March. The cash account is about \$12,000 to \$13,000. We will have the income from the Pancake Breakfast. The Annual Report to the Attorney General's Office was rejected and late, so it will need to be resubmitted. The groundbreaking was nice, but expensive. Cost was over \$1,000 with Carol P's time [*Note: Carol Peterson's time is already budgeted*] The Alumni Luncheon was expensed at \$15 per meal, and we charged \$15 per meal to the attendees. Members need to use the sales tax exemption for reimbursable expenses. Contact Steve for information.

D. By-Laws Review: Elmer K. – The committee makes the following recommendations for changes in the By-Laws:

- **Change Chair to President, and Vice Chair to Vice Present globally**, with Chair or Vice Chair in parenthesis following each occasion.
- **Separate Scholarship from the Grants Committee, and create a separate committee.** Add descriptive paragraph at 5.6 and adjust numbers accordingly.
- **Change total number of possible director positions to fifteen (15).**
MOTION by Elmer K. to approve the By-Law changes and have the edition reprinted for the May meeting. Second by George D. DISCUSSION: Minor corrections noted. **CARRIED.**

E. Committees:

STRATEGIC PLANNING – Elmer Koch (*for Harold Benson*): The committee reviewed its second task/goal, fundraising. The first item was sale of logo or spirit wear items, including people needed for facilitation and specific tasks needed to create and support. Don Swanson helped a great deal by going over different ways of handling. The second item was an auction or auctions. The two pieces (attracting

members, fundraising) will now be compiled (see last month's report). The committee has done a good job focusing and narrowing down the items and priorities.

BUDGET & FINANCE – Rod Hemstreet: The endowment fund first quarter report is attached. We are losing money more slowly now. We are still well situated with our funds, and we will do well in the long run. We are below our goal of \$300,000 now. Our stock, growth & income, is down. What keeps us alive is our bond and income funds, which are holding. They also provided dividends for the first quarter.

MOTION by Marlys S. to approve the Finance Report. Second by Elmer K. **CARRIED.**

GRANTS – George Dahl: Received three (3) grant requests, the committee funded two:

Career Fair - \$250 – Requested by the Counselors. . – Committee funded.

Humphrey Voices - \$1,200 – Combined English & Social Studies class, with 76 students. Ron Petrich, who just received a Wall of Honor award, was the first teacher of this class. – Committee funded.

Project Success - \$6,000 – This represents about 7% of their budget (\$92,700) for the South High School location. The committee requested information on outcomes and successes for the project. The committee also requested a narrative that could be used in future public relations pieces.

MOTION by George D. to fund the Project Success grant. Seconded by Elmer K. **CARRIED.**

SCHOLARSHIP – Elmer K.: REPORT ATTACHED. The award presentation was made to Ryan Harper who received the scholarship from the Schelein family. The next meeting will be April 21 to address the selection process of the scholarship selections by the committee. At 3:15 the committee will select the Kommerstad scholarships. The counseling office will have the remaining scholarships identified a week later. There are 12 students that will be receiving Foundation scholarships. There will be a low-key reception tentatively set for May 19, in the media center. At maximum we may have 40 people. Attendees will be students and their parents, the officers of the board, and administration. The committee discussed three issues that arose through this recent awards process. The first was a question regarding personal financials being required. We use the same form for all, and while financials are required for Wallin, they are not for the particular scholarship. Secondly, a student inquired whether scholarships are available to students who delay entry to college for a year. The committee said no at this time, but will revisit the issue in the future. A case where a student attended South, transferred to an alternative school, but will graduate with South. The committee approved this instance, with stipulations. This may need to be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

MOTION by Elmer K. to allow a budget of \$100 for the Scholarship Committee to cover expenses for the reception. Second by George D. **CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATION – Harold B. met with Nancy R. to review a vision and possible action for this committee. A meeting has been scheduled to follow the Membership Committee meeting on April 30.

MEMBERSHIP – Art Lakoduk: SEE REPORT. The committee looked at demographics of the population of graduates, and communication styles of the different age groups. The committee identified two groups of potential membership – Pre 1970 graduates and Post 1970 graduates. The committee decided to start with Pre-1970 grads. Increasing access to The Southerner was also discussed. One very important way to approach graduates is through reunions. The next meeting will be on April 30. The class of 1955 had 25 people at the luncheon, so someone should find out who the organizer/leader is there. Pre-1970 grads tend to value organizational activities such as ours, they tend to stay with things longer, they also have more time.

ATHLETIC FIELD BUILDING – Jim Bloom: Harold B. and Jim B. met with the Minneapolis Planning Commission, along with Ellen and Clyde. Our request was approved. The permits are a couple of weeks out, which is about now. There were three photographers at the groundbreaking, there were over 150 photos.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Marlys Schluck: We have tickets for each member to take and sell, and posters to put up. We have enough workers, set-up will happen Saturday at 9am, and Sunday at 6am. We have a number of prizes – dinner theater, weekend retreat at Webb Lake. The restaurants are not coming in.

MOTION by Steve L. to authorize Warren Schluck to purchase a grill for the raffle, cost not to exceed \$200. Second by Elmer K. **CARRIED.**

We sold 50 of the Tiger Books (Khakis & Crinolines) at the luncheon. We will be ordering more for the pancake breakfast. The Foundation makes \$7 on each book. The book should be advertised on the web site. The rights to the book are owned by the Class of 1958. Warren negotiated with the class on the cost.

GOLF TOURNAMENT – Jim Bloom: Hasn't started yet, will be gearing up in the next two weeks.

ALUMNI LUNCHEON – Harold Benson (*for Bill McMoore*): There were six (6) recipients for the Wall of Honor, which is too many. Time needs to be watched on the presentations, they need to be limited.

5. **Old Business**

FUNDRAISING POSITION – There were 26 applications for the position. There isn't one without a degree. The committee is looking for people who have made individual contacts. The committee has pared the number down to 16. Rod, Harold, Loyd will review these and further narrow the field to six. Those will be further reviewed and two candidates will be identified and interviewed on Monday. The money for this position is coming from Save The Tiger.

6. **New Business**

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT – The Foundation created this position and hired Carol Peterson approximately a year ago. The board needs to address this now. Carol has been invaluable in assisting with organizing the board meetings, did a great job at the groundbreaking, and filled in to help Bill McMoore when he needed help. We need her for the database. She has done some very good work for the board, including specialty tasks. The position was budgeted for \$10,000 and will come under that for the year. If she could focus on the web site that would help tremendously.

MOTION by Marlys S. retain Carol Peterson at the rate of \$17.50 per hour, not to exceed \$10,000 for the year, with an annual review in April of 2010. Second by Elmer K. **CARRIED.**

7. **Good of the Order:** Bob Areneson is home. His son David passed away, the obituary was in the Sunday paper.

MOTION by Steve L. to send flowers, up to \$50 expenditure. Second by Rod H. **CARRIED.**

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, 12. This is the Annual Membership Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Peterson, Admin Support

By Order of:
Harold Benson, Chair