

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

South HS Media Center – May 12, 2009

#### 1. Call to order

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

- Harold Benson, Nancy Rosenow, Judy Ayers, Rod Hemstreet, Elmer Koch, Art Lakoduk, Marlys Schluck
- Members, Guests & Others Attending: Carol Peterson, Marge Harris, Warren Schluck, Jim Bloom, Dick Westby, Dagny Waldeland, Heidi Larson Carlson

#### 2. Minutes

**MOTION by Elmer K. to approve the minutes of the April 14 meeting.** Second by Marlys S.  
**CARRIED.**

#### 3. Special Guests – Dagny Waldeland

- The board was extended an invitation to a “gala” celebration of Dr. Linda Nelson's years of service to the school. The event theme will be French.
- School community members participated in selecting a new administrator. The person submitted and accepted by the District is Cecilia Saddler. She taught English and served as an Assistant Principal at South High. She has served as AP or Principal at several schools in MPS including Folwell and Anwatin. They are now in the process of interviewing and selecting staff for next year.
- Hoping the District recognizes the accomplishments of the school in the coming months as the MPS Board makes tough decisions on budget and other issues.
- Harold B. directed Marlys S. and Carol P. to find and purchase an appropriate gift for presentation to Dr. Nelson at the gala event, on behalf of the Foundation. Cost for the gift not to exceed \$100.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report – Rod Hemstreet (*for Steve Lindquist*)

- |                           | <u>March</u> | <u>April</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| • Premier Account         | \$18,495     | \$10,752     |
| • Investor's Choice:      | 40,400       | 40,430       |
| • Relationship Rewards    | 251,911      | 252,299      |
| • Certificates of Deposit | 128,628      | 128,628      |
| • Reserved/Restricted:    | 426,725      | 416,305      |
| • Available Funds:        | 12,709       | 15,804       |
- The April income consisted of \$2,000 in the general fund, \$245 Athletic Fund, \$4,410 Alumni Luncheon, \$8,064 Pancake Breakfast, \$3,672 Gabrick Book Sales, \$424 Interest. Net on the Pancake Breakfast is approximately \$8,000.

**MOTION by Marlys S. to approve the Treasurer's Reports for March and April.** Second by Nancy Rosenow. **CARRIED.**

#### 5. Reports:

##### A. Fundraising Position – Harold Benson / Rod Hemstreet

- Harold introduced Heidi Larson Davis, who has been hired as the Development Director the collaborative South High/Friends of South High fundraising position.
- Rod reviewed her background for the group. Six candidates were chosen from twenty-four applicants. The committee almost unanimously selected Heidi. The group was impressed with her success on past fundraising efforts. She has experience calling on individuals and companies. She is highly qualified, and will need our support.
- Heidi is anxious to get started. She will become familiar with South High School. The members in attendance introduced themselves.

##### B. Committees:

STRATEGIC PLANNING – Elmer Koch (*for Harold Benson*): REPORT ATTACHED. The committee had focused in its previous meeting on goal 2, fundraising. There was a lengthy discussion on the viability of doing logo products. There is a public relations value, and perhaps membership recruitment value to this effort. Harold B. has asked Don Swanson to chair the task force which will address this issue. Additionally, Loyd Schanke was asked to look into a fall activity, perhaps something around Homecoming.

BUDGET & FINANCE – Rod Hemstreet: REPORT ATTACHED. Funds were all up. We are a little above the Standard & Poors Index. While this doesn't catch us up to our previous level, we are doing well. We are still down 30% or so from this time last year (\$350,000). The two funds showing the most growth, Janis & Mid-Cap, are smaller companies (under \$1 billion) and when the market is doing a turn-around, the smaller companies rebound faster.

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

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

Student Planners - \$3,038 – Requested by Jean Web-Bradford, AP. – Committee tabled. No one appeared.

Debate Team Trip - \$1,500 – Desiree Weber, Debate Coach. Cover a portion of a trip to Birmingham Alabama (total cost \$4,500). The subject for the debate will be alternative energy. – Committee funded.

Senior Party Starter Funds - \$2,500 – Requested by Sue Summitt and Cathy Peters, parents. The parents have returned, almost every year, whatever funds remain (usually half).

**MOTION by Jim B. to fund the 2009 Senior Party.** Seconded by Rod H. **CARRIED.**

SCHOLARSHIP – Elmer K.: 2009 Scholarship Awards: MAXINE ARNESON, \$500: Saoirse McMahaon; ELAINE ELLIS, \$1,000 x 2 years: Nicole Melendez; FAITH FINNBERG, \$4,500 x 4 years: Isaac Zuckerman; ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER, \$500: Mohamed Hasson; BOB KOMMERSTAD, \$4,000: Alexandra Indarte & Zamaya Taylor; SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP, \$1,000: Sarah Fink; GEORGE H SMITH, \$1,000: Bo Johnson; LEE KOPP, \$1,000: Tyler Morales, kFaith Randal, and Rose Michels.

There will be an awards reception on May 19. Some board members are invited. We are keeping it small to comply with Administrative wishes.

**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 – Nancy Rosenow: The committee spent most of the meeting reviewing what everyone does. We will need to standardize the logo. Also decided to increase the newsletter from 6 to 8 pages. The next newsletter will mail in September. We will be looking for articles. The committee chairs should send a report of their activities for the past year, as well as goals for the coming year.

MEMBERSHIP – Art Lakoduk: SEE REPORT. The committee will be focusing on the pre-1970 graduates. This group presents the most opportunity for engaging and attracting new members. We will not be neglecting post-1970 grads. The next meeting will be May 20 at 10am in Room 159 across from the office. We will be assigning activities to individuals at this meeting.

ATHLETIC FIELD BUILDING – Jim Bloom: The building is getting closer. The application approval will be a week to ten days. The display was up at the Pancake Breakfast. The sign displayed will be located over the ticket booth entrance (made by Dick Floren '52). Several plaques will be procured for placement on the building or in the area: Individuals who gave a certain amount; Individuals who have done work or given contributions; major contributors; board members and others with major roles. The District uses a foundry in North Dakota to make structure plaques. Clyde (District Director) will forward the information.

Harold indicated the 1957-1960 alumni are interested in organizing an activity for Homecoming.

GOLF TOURNAMENT – Jim Bloom: The envelopes will go out tomorrow. The goal will be to attract a larger number of golfers. The web site information needs to be updated and corrected.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Marlys Schluck: Over 1,100 people were served. We cleared over \$8,000. The grill was purchased for \$169. Ninety books (Khakis & Crinolines) were sold, from which the Foundation earns \$7 for each book. Pottery pieces donated by the students brought in \$400. The work crew included 24 students on Saturday for set up, and 50 students on Sunday for set-up and service. Living Stone church, which meets on Sundays at the school, greeted attendees and helped during the event, and assisted with clean up, and we were done and out by 3pm. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

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6. **Good of the Order:**

- The Foundation made a \$50 donation to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, in memory of Bob Arneson's son who passed away recently. Bob will be in a nursing home for another three weeks.
- We did receive the NFL Grassroots grant for \$50,000 for use towards the athletic building.
- Thank you to the Board Members for renewing Carol P's contract for another year. The support of the board has been tremendous, and this really is a unique and great group of people to work for and with.

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, June 9.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Peterson, Admin Support

By Order of:  
Harold Benson, Chair