

West Fargo Educational Foundation
July 20, 2015

Attendees (*in person*): Karen Nitzkowski, Valerie Fiske, Mark Lemer, Gary Clark, David Flowers, Heather Kenschak, Alison Ottesen, Shauna Vistad, Angela Ottesen, Marisa Pacella and Mark Berntson

Attendees (*via phone*): N/A

1) Hall of Fame

a. Inductees

- i. The 2015 class of inductees has been chosen and each inductee has accepted the invitation to be part of the 2015 event.
- ii. The inductees are as follows:
 1. Alum: Paul Laney
 2. Alum: Robert Beckland
 3. Faculty: Mary Knox Johnson
 4. Community: Dave Samson
 5. Team: 1993 WFHS Girls' Softball Team
- iii. Any nominee that was not successful in this year's process will need to be nominated again in order to be reconsidered as part of a future class. Nominators may contact their nominees regarding the status of their nomination, if they so choose.

b. Event Update

- i. Everything has been confirmed for the Speedway Event Center.
- ii. The event theme is "Honoring Our Past, Advancing Our Future"
- iii. Mark Berntson will solicit interest among student groups who may be willing to provide musical entertainment during the event.
- iv. All subcommittees should continue to meet, and provide updates at the August and/or September WFEF board meetings.
- v. The graphic for this year's event should be done shortly; Alison will distribute as soon as possible.

c. Auction Items & Sponsors

- i. Every Foundation member should be looking for silent auction items and/or sponsorships.
- ii. Alison has sent letters to all 2014 event sponsors/donors. Karen provided a list of businesses that she has/will communicate with regarding a sponsorship and/or silent auction item.

2) Election of new Board Positions

- a. Alison moved, seconded by Karen, to suspend the reelection of officers until after the Hall of Fame event. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Each Board member had to complete the Conflict of Interest Form for Mark.
- c. There are a few open slots remaining on the Board, so new member solicitations are still being accepted.

3) Activities Calendar

- a. Karen provided a calendar to keep the Board on-track with recurring activities; members were asked to add and revise as necessary.

4) Grants

- a. The Foundation received a \$1500 STEM grant from Xcel Energy. Dr. Flowers will solicit input on STEM projects that the district would deem acceptable projects for the Foundation to support. Proposals will be brought to the September or October board meeting.

5) Review of Financials

- a. Balance as of 6/30/15 > \$7146.16
 - i. Approximately \$2800 outstanding payments
 - ii. Approximately \$3000 outstanding credits

6) Next Steps

- a. The next meeting is Monday, August 17 @ 7:30 AM @ LEC