

West Fargo Educational Foundation
November 21, 2016

Attendees (*in person*): David Flowers, Alison Otteson, Nancy Peterson, Mark Berntson, Judy Kvaale, Tim Peterson, Emma Johnson, Valerie Fiske, Mark Lemer, Heather Konschak, Angela Otteson

1. Mini Grant Applications

- a. As of this morning, no applications have been received for this round of mini-grants. Heather has been contacted by a handful of people with questions, and a reminder email was sent this morning. The deadline is 5PM next Wednesday, November 30.

2. Raffles

- a. The Activities Directors denied our request to sell raffle tickets at events in the month of December.
- b. Emma asked NHS Advisor Brett Mayer, who agreed to have the Sheyenne NHS help sell raffle tickets. Alison and Nancy will get her a schedule for when/how to assist in the process.

3. New Year's Eve

- a. Looking for volunteers for the Shakers event at the Holiday Inn to sell raffle tickets and possibly run a game. The event starts at 7:00 PM and goes until 1:00 AM. Let Alison or Angela know if you're able to help out that night.

4. End of the Year Letters & Newsletter

- a. The letters have been crafted, and include a summary of the Foundation's activities in 2016, as well as a request for donations at the end of year or for the start of 2017.
- b. Alison will send the recipient list to all Foundation members, to add anyone else that may be interested in giving, or in Foundation information.

5. New Board Members

- a. Levi Bachmeier, 2010 WFHS graduate, is interested in becoming a member. He will try to attend a future meeting.
- b. Jimmy Hoy is still interested in being involved, but is taking a hiatus for the next couple of months while his family looks to move to the Fargo area.

6. Hall of Fame Process Guidebook

- a. Still a project in process.

7. Next Steps & New Business

- a. The fund for Dr. Grooters has raised \$1,965 thus far. Funds raised will go toward mini-grants for the staff and students at Sheyenne HS.
- b. Suggest to local funeral homes to have a list of entities within the community that families could have memorials set up through, which would include the Educational Foundation.
- c. Suggestion for the future - incent students of diversity to enter into the education field and return to the district to teach, through a scholarship fund. This would be a great thing to include in asks to community members, but also as the focus of a community grant.
- d. New grant windows will be opening soon for the spring; please keep your eyes open and let Angela know if you see anything new that we would be eligible to apply for.
- e. The Foundation's next meeting will be held on Monday, December 19 at 7:30 AM at the Leidal Education Center.