



February 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes  
West Chester Area Education Foundation

In attendance: Steve Brightbill, Suzanne Moore, Rob Partridge, Lauren Ranalli, Deb Sahijwani, Jim Scanlon, Marc Ernest, Liz Golding, Robin Harkins

WCASD Staff: Tracy Dukert, Susan Speaker

Not present: Carolyn Comitta, Bryan Brockson, Steve Krug, Todd Goodstein, Rose Cappelli, Dave Flamer and Chris Woods

A. Call to Order:

Marc Ernest called the meeting to order at 7:35.

B. Approval of Minutes:

Marc Ernest requested a motion to approve the minutes from December 10, 2014. Jim Scanlon and Rob Partridge made a motion to approve. The motion passed.

C. Treasurer's Report:

Suzanne Moore reviewed the income and expenses for the period ending December 31, 2014. She requested approval for disbursements to the Foundation for the mini-grants in the amount of \$45,936.48. Disbursements approved by Marc Ernest and Steve Brightbill. Lauren Ranalli and Liz Golding made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

D. PFEW Update:

Debbie Sahijwani provided feedback on the advertising for PFEW in the high schools. This year, assemblies were held at each high school and there was a parent night for PFEW information. All were well attended. They advertised through the districts webpage, involved student PFEW attendees as speakers. So far there are 75 applications: 33 from EHS, 33 from HHS, and 9 from RHS. Much discussion was done regarding the number of scholarships the Foundation will be funding. Jim mentioned that there is a possibility of additional funding from outside sources. He will contact John Trombetta about additional funding. Debbie will notify the parents of applicants concerning funding sources. Jim will draft a letter for Debbie. Decided that the 1<sup>st</sup> fifteen applicants in each school to receive the scholarships. Total PFEW scholarships for 45 students for 2015-16. Motion approved by Robin Harkins and Rob Partridge. Motion passed.

- E. Outward Bound:  
Community grant for \$500.00 for Outward Bound scholarships on hold.
  
- F. Grant Requests:  
Jim Scanlon reviewed the list of additional mini-grant applications. Several were rewrites and two are Community requests. The grants were approved for funding for 5 more applications, totaling \$6,665.00. Lauren Ranalli and Steve Brightbill made a motion to approve the funding of the mini-grants. The motion passed.
  
- G. KnowledgePoints Partnership-SAT Prep  
KnowledgePoints is a tutoring group in Exton that Jim Scanlon met with. It is basically a SAT boot camp that would have a partnership with the Foundation. Advertising would be done through the Foundation with cost savings to parents that sign up through the Foundation. Lauren Ranalli and Liz Golding made a motion to approve the partnership with KnowledgePoints. The motion passed.
  
- H. Breakfast Update:  
The speakers for the breakfast are in place. Marc Ernest mentioned that Frank LaRusso from Mars, Drinks is a very interesting speaker. Glenn Marshall will discuss EITC funding, student projects and PFEW speaker. There may be some interest in touring Rustin after the breakfast. The setting will be in the cafeteria which can accommodate 200 people. The breakfast needs to be wrapped up by 9:15 a.m. at the latest.
  
- I. EITC Letters:  
Members should wrap up their calls and we will begin sending EITC letters on Friday, February 13, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14.  
Next meeting: April 8, 2015 – 7:30 am