

The Shenandoah Iowa Education Foundation met February 13, 2019 at the KMA Board Room. Those present were Alan Armstrong, Jeff Baker, Corby Fichter, Steve Lorimor, Amy Miller, Chuck Offenburger (phone), Julie O'Hara, Duane Rexroth, and Dr. Kerri Nelson.

1. Reports

Secretary: Minutes from the November meeting and January 10 planning session were approved.

Treasurer: No treasurer's report was provided. \$50,000 was moved to a CD.

President

Vice-President

Other Board Members

Dr. Kerri Nelson: The facility/building committee will meet soon to begin discussion on the proposed building report. An update was provided on the potential school bond issue and the sharing opportunity with Essex.

2. Committee Reports

PR Committee: No report

Fall 2018 Newsletter update: It was decided to not complete the 2018 newsletter. If we would proceed and do one this year, it was discussed to hire someone else to do that task.

Jean Fichter checked with the local AFS sponsor and they are unable to release the addresses of former AFS students that attended Shenandoah High School.

Scholarship Committee: Five applications were received for the next selection of mini-grants. The three selected were: Stacy Resh (Library), Liz Skillern (high school robotics competition), and Alisa Andrew (7th grade STEM robotics). Star Ann will contact the recipients.

Duane stated that the application for the Gee scholarship has been updated.

Website, Facebook, Twitter: Send new blogs to Chuck to be published. Chuck will add some short stories to keep information fresh and new.

3. Other Discussions/Updates

Follow –up from the 2019 planning session:

*The Vision statement and Mission statement were approved as amended.

Vision: To enhance a new excellence for students in the Shenandoah Community School District now and for generations to come.

Mission: To raise, invest, and manage funds to support and expand opportunities for our students through a sustainable endowment.

*Alan has been in contact with Mike and Pete Weber who are interested in assisting with a golf event to be held in Shenandoah in 2020. Alan will contact Mike to discuss the event along with Jeff and Nick.

*We decided to pursue a fun run/walk event to be held at some point this year. Corby will contact Jamie Burdorf for suggestions.

*Other fundraising efforts were discussed, such as “Starry Nights” in which decorated Christmas trees are donated and then auctioned. Steve will visit with Shelley at the Chamber to see if we can partner with them on any events to promote the foundation.

*It was agreed to continue our partnership with KMA. Chuck will serve as the point person on interviews and commercials ideas. Corby and Chuck will meet with Jean Debban to discuss a new proposal for 2019.

*Discussion was held regarding the need to develop a list of potential projects and needs in the school system in the hopes that it will attract donors who are passionate about those same goals.

*Corby and Dr. Nelson will draft a list of the school’s needs to incorporate into a letter that can be sent to local attorneys, financial planners, and CPAs.

2019 Board meetings will be held at KMA on the following dates from 7:30 to 9:00 am:

April 10, June 12, August 14, October 9, and December 11.

*****Next board meeting will be April 10th*****