L’Anse Area Schools Foundation

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 9, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 4:02pm

Present: Larry Gasperich, Mary Gasperich, Anne Koski, Susan LaFernier, Dan Whitman, Peg Ekdahl

Absent: Jim Ekdahl, Frank Taddeucci, Amanda Nordstrom, School Board Representative

Others Present: Susan Tollefson, Superintendent

Adoption of agenda: Mary Gasperich made a motion, supported by Dan Whitman, to approve the agenda for June 9, 2021. Motion carries.

Approval of minutes: Anne Koski made a motion, supported by Peg Ekdahl to approve the minutes for the meeting held on April 14, 2021. Motion carries.

Susan LaFernier made a motion, supported by Mary Gasperich to approve the minutes for the special meeting to approve scholarships held on May 17, 2021.

Correspondence and communication: Larry Gasperich has received a resignation letter from Julie Froberg regarding her resignation from the board.

Anne Koski received correspondence from Superior National Bank informing us that Chris Gariepy is now Senior Vice President Investment Officer. He will be handling our investments going forward, replacing Greg Seppanen.

Finances: Concerning treasurers report -

Anne Koski informed the board that she has deposited the check from the All School Reunion Committee which they have donated to the foundation. The amount of the check is $2,191.96. This amount was deposited into the foundation’s checking account.

No bills at this time.

Old Business: Anne Koski has researched printers to purchase for foundation use. Motion made by Peg Ekdahl, supported by Larry Gasperich, for Anne to pick out and purchase a printer, not to exceed $375.00. Motion carries.

Donor Plaque: Discussion regarding ordering a donor plaque. Mary Gasperich will contact Julie Kissell, JK Trophies and Awards, to have her do a workup on 2 plaques. One for donors (hornet heroes) and one for scholarships. When previews are available Mary will forward to board members for approval before ordering. Mary and Anne Koski will meet to compile a list of names of donors/scholarships to be included.

Foundation letterhead: Amanda Nordstrom was to draft a letterhead for the foundation. Amanda is not here tonight, Mary Gasperich will follow up with her.

Foundation tablecloth design/purchase: Amanda Nordstrom sent information on tablecloth that we can purchase for any events where it may be needed. The website is 4imprint.com. Amanda would be happy to design the tablecloth if we’d like. This will be tabled until next meeting.

Resignation: Julie Froberg has submitted her resignation letter effective June 30. Julie stated in her letter that she’d be happy to help with any fundraising events in the future if she is available. It is with regret that the board accepts her resignation. Motion by Anne Koski, supported by Peg Ekdahl to approve Julie’s resignation effective June 30, 2021. Motion carries.

New Business:

Scholarship discussion. Anne Koski reports that she presented the Edward Jones, Mary Margaret Higgins and Gustafson scholarship at the annual awards night at the high school.

Vice President nomination: The board will wait until the August meeting to pick a new VP.

Fundraiser ideas: We will discuss possible fundraisers for next winter, Jan-Feb 2022, at our August and fall meetings.

Update contributions/class lists: Dan Whitman will supply a class of 1967 class list and get it to Mary.

Other business: None

Next meeting: August 5, 2021 @ 4pm in school library.

Motion made by Mary Gasperich, supported by Peg Ekdahl, to adjourn meeting at 5:36pm.