



September 15, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Cedar Foundation met on Thursday, September 14, 2017, in the Board Room at 5:30 PM. The following Cedar Foundation Board members were present: Arthur Abrom, Ed.D., Mr. Gidge Horn, Mr. Robert Nordall, Mr. Mike Kuhn, Mrs. Deb Bowman, Mrs. Jen Nordall, Mr. Bob Hoffman and Mr. Matt Hershey. Mr. John Copenhaver, Ms. Deb Gingrich, Dr. Jeff Yocum, and Mrs. Sharon Swanger, were absent. Also present was Mary Harrell, Secretary, Ms. Anne Brubaker, Foundation Assistant and Mrs. Becky Brown Kohler.

- As President Gingrich was absent, Mr. Robert Nordall called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

#### **Minutes**

- The meeting minutes from Thursday, July 13, 2017 were reviewed. Mr. Kuhn made a motion seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the minutes from July 13, 2017. All members consented.

#### **Financial Report**

- The financial report for the period July 13, 2017 through September 13, 2017, were shared. Mr. Hoffman made a motion seconded by Mr. Kuhn to approve the Financial Report as presented. All members consented.

#### **Correspondence**

- A thank you note was received from grant recipient.

#### **Friends Helping Friends**

- \$5 coupons are available to purchase from in each building. Announcements have been posted on Twitter, FB and emailed to all employees.

#### **Malcolm Lazin Scholarship**

- Malcolm Lazin is a graduate of Lebanon High School. His annual scholarship will provide a LHS student with a full scholarship to attend HACC. Dr. Abrom recently met with Laurie Bowersox and Dr. Matthew Goodman of HACC. This is a good partnership for us.

#### **Wells Fargo Grant**

- Dr. Abrom shared that when he worked for the School District of Lancaster, Wells Fargo provided a grant. As that relationship was formed, Wells Fargo contacted Dr. Abrom recently and wanted to provide a grant in the amount of about \$68,000 to Lebanon SD. Harding Elementary will turn \$100 years old this year so the money will be used to provide "A Day of Caring" at Harding where they will be painting and beautifying the school. We will invite our Mayor, Senator Folmer and Representative Ryan to the ribbon cutting.

#### **2017 Distinguished Alumni**

- The Cedar Foundation must select two Distinguished Alumni at the October meeting. The following was nominated by Mr. Bill Giovino, High School Principal:
  1. Erin McDonald Hamrick, Class of 1978

- **Grant Applications** – the following new wording has been added to each application: *The Cedar Foundation Board prefers to use our funds to pay for student initiatives such as field trips or classroom supplies that may be needed to complete an educational project. Classroom furniture should be purchased through the building budget.* All applications must be signed by the building principal.

The following requests was received and reviewed:

1. Julie Blouch, Elementary Gifted Teacher -  
Purchase 30 Magic Tree House Books \$373.07 – Student & Staff  
Mr. Kuhn made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Hershey. All members voiced consent.
2. Ken Travis, School Counselor  
All Students: Safe & Successful Resources \$809 – Student & Staff  
Mr. Hoffman made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Kuhn. All members voiced consent.
3. Tricia Guth, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, SW  
Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre to see Madagascar \$2,000 – EITC  
Mr. Kuhn made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Nordall. All members voiced consent.
4. Sharray Kleinfelter, Teacher, SW  
Take 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Students to the Philadelphia Zoo \$1,000 – EITC  
Mr. Hoffman made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Hershey. All members voiced consent.

#### **New Board Members**

- We were happy to have Becky Brown Kohler attend tonight’s meeting. Allison Sherk plans to attend the next meeting. Both Becky and Allison would like to join the Cedar Foundation Board.

#### **Alumni**

- Mr. Nordall mentioned that the Foundation Board would like to have more alumni involved in the Cedar Foundation. Dr. Abrom offered to have someone from the School District of Lancaster’s foundation attend one of our meetings to talk about the alumni participation in their 501 C 3.

Dr. Abrom started a new initiative called College and Career Day. The first Friday of each month is a time for teachers and staff to wear their college garb and talk with students about their college/career experience. Our vision is how can we connect with our current alumni who have been successful.

Another way we do this is through our “Futures Seminar” where we invite the members of our Junior Class to a banquet and pair them with a successful community/alumni member who is in the same career as they feel they want to pursue. This allows conversation about ways for our students to be successful. Alumni are selected to be the keynote speaker at the event.

We are looking for someone to lead this initiative. It would be good to concentrate on the high school level with a goal for our students to be successful in college or career. Mr. Hershey offered to help with this initiative. Mr. Hershey would be great!

Every member is asked to bring names of alumni who can share their college or work journey.

**By Laws**

- Everyone was given a copy of the current bylaws. We will plan to discuss the bylaws at our October meeting.
- Mr. Kuhn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hoffman; the meeting adjourned at 6: 15 PM.

**Future Meetings for 2017-2018– 5:30 at District Office:**

- October 12
- November 9
- December ---- TBD If Needed
- January 11
- February 8
- March 8
- April 12
- May 10
- June – TBD If Needed

Respectfully submitted,

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