



November 20, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Cedar Foundation held a Zoom meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 5:30 PM. The following Cedar Foundation Board members were present: Ms. Megan Bergonzi, Mrs. Jen Nordall, Mr. Robert Nordall, Dr. Arthur Abrom, Mr. Matt Hershey, Mr. John Copenhaver, Mrs. Sherie Strohman, Mrs. Becky Brown-Koehler, Mr. Bob Hoffman, Mrs. Alison Sherk, Mrs. Megan Sanchez, and Mr. Mike Kuhn (arrived at 5:45 PM). Also present was Mary Harrell, Secretary. Dr. Jeff Yocum and Mr. John Tice were absent.

- President Megan Bergonzi called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

### **Minutes**

- A motion was made by Mrs. Sherie Strohman, seconded by Mr. John Copenhaver, to open the previous motion made during the Zoom meeting held on October 8, 2020, to grant approval to pay \$500 to each high school student listed on the grant request submitted by Mr. Giovino, who are part of the high school dual enrollment program. Mr. Matt Hershey would like to recuse himself from the motion because his son Caleb Hershey is on the list provided by Mr. Giovino.
- Mrs. Sherie Strohman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bob Hoffman to amend the previous motion to grant approval to pay \$500 to the high school students listed on the grant request submitted by Mr. Giovino, who are part of the dual enrollment program, to allow Mr. Matt Hershey, Mr. Robert Nordall, Mrs. Becky Brown-Koehler and Mrs. Megan Sanchez to abstain from voting. The motion passed.
- The meeting minutes from Thursday, October 8, 2020, were reviewed. Ms. Becky Brown-Koehler made a motion to approve the amended minutes from October 8, 2020, seconded by Mrs. Sherie Strohman. All members consented.

## **Financial Report**

- The financial report for the month of October 2020, was shared. President Bergonzi noted that, by request of the family, the money donated in Memory of Mr. Gidge Horn has been moved into the Communities in Schools Account. Mrs. Becky Brown-Koehler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matt Hershey to approve the Financial Report as presented. All members consented.

## **Correspondence**

- A thank you and pictures from Lindsay Gibson was shared. Lindsay was a Cedar Foundation Grant recipient.

## **Old Business**

### **Distinguished Alumni Committee:**

- Mr. Robert Nordall shared information about a Distinguished Alumni Committee. He also shared a draft of the proposed Alumni Recognition Bylaws. Next steps would be for our Lebanon School District Board of Directors to approve moving forward with the Distinguished Alumni Committee and approve the proposed bylaws.

### **Alumni Directory:**

- President Bergonzi shared information and a Contract from PCI to publish a high school alumni directory. The last directory was produced in 2011 by Harris Publishing. Harris Publishing was purchased by PCI. Next steps would be to have our Solicitor review the Contract and then our Lebanon School District Board of Directors would need to approve moving forward with contracting with PCI to create an Alumni Directory.

Mr. Mike Kuhn made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Megan Sanchez to move forward with a pending review of the PCI contract by the District Solicitor. Once we receive the Solicitor's review we will present the idea to our School Board of Directors for approval. All members consented. Ms. Megan Bergonzi would be the contact person for this project.

### **Recognizing Gidge Horn and Chuck Norman, posthumously:**

- Board members discussed ways to recognize Gidge and Chuck. One way would be to commission an artist, maybe Luke Topping, or Ian and Megan Norman, for a mural on the high school wall around the food stands. Could possibly call it the Wall of Fame, and add to it over the years. Possibly paint Gidge and Chuck interacting.

Mr. Mike Kuhn suggested getting a committee together to take charge of this project. The families of Gidge and Chuck would need to be contacted to ask permission to paint a picture of Gidge and Chuck on the wall. We have a lot of great artists so we would need to contact some of them and get an idea who would be interested in this project and what the cost would be. If needed, we could have a fundraiser to pay for this project.

**Lodestone Ad:**

- We will create the ad for the yearbook. Mr. Richards stated that payment for the ad can be taken from Account 1200 – Operation Reserve.

**EITC/DCED Report:**

- Mary reported that the Annual EITC Report will be submitted early next week. This will keep us in compliance with the timeline and assure that the Cedar Foundation will be on the List of Educational Improvement Organizations for the period 1.1.2021 to 12.31.2021.

**New Business****Grant Requests**

- Mrs. Dawn Connelly submitted an educational opportunity grant in the amount of \$968.60 for funds to beautify the existing edible garden at Lebanon Middle School. It was moved by Mr. Robert Nordall, and seconded by Mrs. Sherie Strohman, to approve the request for funds to purchase items for the LMS garden. The motion passed.
- Mrs. Gina Worcester submitted an educational opportunity grant in the amount of \$874.50 for funds to help Mrs. Connelly beautify the existing edible garden at Lebanon Middle School. It was moved by Mr. Matt Hershey, and seconded by Mrs. Sherie Strohman, to approve the request for funds to purchase items for the LMS garden. The motion passed.
- Mr. Bill Giovino submitted an educational opportunity grant in the amount of \$1,000 to purchase items to create an edible garden at Lebanon High School. Mr. Bob Hoffman made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Mrs. Jen Nordall. Mrs. Megan Sanchez, Mr. Robert Nordall, Mrs. Becky Brown-Koehler, and Mrs. Alison Sherk abstained. The motion passed.
- Mr. Kolby Stellar submitted an educational opportunity grant in the amount of \$1,000 to purchase items to create an edible garden at Lebanon High School. Mrs. Sherie Strohman made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Mr. Mike Kuhn. Mrs. Megan Sanchez, Mr. Robert Nordall, Mrs. Becky Brown-Koehler, and Mrs. Alison Sherk abstained. The motion passed.
- Mr. Andre Dyer submitted an educational opportunity grant in the amount of \$1,000 to purchase items to create an edible garden at Lebanon High School. Mr. Mike Kuhn made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Mrs. Sherie Strohman. Mrs. Megan Sanchez, Mr. Robert Nordall, Mrs. Becky Brown-Koehler, and Mrs. Alison Sherk abstained. The motion passed.
- Keyl Malone, LHS student, submitted an educational opportunity grant in the amount of \$500 to purchase items to create an edible garden at Lebanon High School. Mr. Bob Hoffman made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Mrs. Jen Nordall. Mrs. Megan Sanchez, Mr. Robert Nordall, Mrs. Becky Brown-Koehler, and Mrs. Alison Sherk abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Matt Hershey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Robert Nordall; the meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

**Future Meetings for 2020-2021– 5:30 (Megan will let us know if we will meet in person or via Zoom:**

- Thursday, December 10 – may be cancelled
- Thursday, January 14
- Thursday, February 11
- Thursday, March 11
- Thursday, April 8
- Thursday, May 6

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary A. Harrell*

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent  
Board Secretary  
Cedar Foundation Secretary

**Distinguished Alumni List:**

- The following Alumni names have been submitted and will remain part of the meeting minutes:
- Dr. Jeff Yocum, Class of 1973
  - Dr. Robert Lau, Class of 1961
  - Judge Robert Eby, Class of 1962
  - Judge Brad Charles, Class of 1974
  - John Feather, Class of 1964
  - Phil Feather, Class of 1953
  - Robert Fortna, Class of 1967
  - Richard D. Fields, Class of 1942 – Harrison Junior High School Principal
  - Sara Greiner Leffler, Class of 1920
  - Luther Stone, Class of 1947
  - Sam Bowie, Class of 1979
  - Warren Daugherty, Class of 1954
  - Betty Wentzel Eiceman, Class of 1951
  - Kenneth Royer, Class of 1949
  - Mark Gerberich, Class of \_\_\_\_\_
  - JD Walter, Class of 1985 <http://www.jdwalter.com>
  - Don Griffith, Class of 1952