

BLUE MOUNTAIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2013

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting TBA

Present: Claudette Sorinto, Judy Colby, Chris Stock, and Judi Waterman

- 1) Call to Order: 6:45 p.m.
- 2) Approval of April minutes: Judy C. moved to accept the minutes of the April 8 meeting, seconded by Claudette and approved by 3 yes and 1 abstention.
- 3) Treasurer's report: Judy C. reported there is \$12,196.42 in the savings account and \$12,102.04 in the checking account.
- 4) Tennis Court Signs: Claudette reported that the tennis court letters have been mailed. Wells River Chevrolet paid \$100 on January 30, 2012 so owe only \$100. Claudette did not mail them a letter but will talk to John Gilmour. The Agway address was for Groton which is not correct so she will ask Brenda Powers about that. Groton Garage and Wells River Pharmacy do not have post office box numbers. It was felt that it would be okay to mail them as is.
- 5) Community Mail Solicitation: Claudette has written a draft letter and will add the names of funded events on the back. Judy will add the logo. After reviewing the letter, Claudette will do some rewording and add a list of corporate sponsors and a copy of Jen's grant (with the permission of the kindergarten teachers) as an example of what we sponsor. The letters will be mailed after May 24. Claudette will ask Jody Hart to run them on our paper.
- 6) Ryegate Women's Club: Claudette attended the last meeting of this club. They are looking for something to do for BMU. She suggested that they might help fund or completely fund one of the mini-grants which we receive. The club would receive recognition and thanks for their help. It was suggested that there may be other organizations that might do this type of thing especially as it is tax deductible for them (i.e. Modern Woodmen).
- 7) Mini-grant Approvals: Sarah White and Gail Nelson requested a mini-grant to pay for transportation to Lyndon State College for a campus tour, picnic and swim for a total cost of \$214. Chris moved to approve this grant, Judy C. seconded with it passing unanimously.
- 8) Scholarship Awards: The scholarship applications were reviewed in the weeks before the meeting. Discussion on the applications and the number of scholarships and the amount of the scholarships took place. it was moved by Chris, seconded by Judy C. and passed

unanimously to award 5 scholarships in the amounts of \$500 each to be given second semester. Claudette moved, Judy C. seconded, to give the scholarships to Kyle Farquharson, Hannah Whitaker, Samantha Winget, Eli LaVaude, and Harley Davis. This vote was also unanimous. Claudette will contact Jody Hart with the names.

- 9) Meeting with Dan Reyome, August 13th...Magazine Rep: Claudette asked that we make sure to attend this meeting as it is a big part of the fundraising.
- 10) Other Business (June meeting): (A) June is usually the Annual Meeting with the public invited. Claudette will see that it is put on the website, the sign in front of the school by Rt. 302, and get something out through email. (B) Anne Bergeron requested that we come hear a presentation by some of the students who participated in the YATST trip to New York City. We will try to set up a date to come in after school to hear the presentation.
- 11) Adjournment: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully,

Judi Waterman

Addendums:

- 1) From Amy Emerson Monday May 20: Jean Shields approached me on Friday afternoon frazzled saying she doesn't have time to fill out a form for a grant (she really doesn't - I will do it for her if we need one) She is wondering if the BMEF would be willing to fund Cake at 8. A tradition of having cake the morning after the concert to say thank you to all the kids for working so hard. It is a fun tradition that all the kids look forward to. I don't believe she asked us to help with the concert at all. I think it would be a nice thing to do. It would be about \$70. Through email this was approved - Judi, Claudette, Angeline and Judy C.
- 2) Wednesday May 22: Judy C., Claudette, Marie and Judi W. went to the presentation by the YATST group.
- 3) From Claudette Thursday May 30: Thanks to a huge amount of work done by Jodi Hart and Mary Florentine, the mailing went out today. Let's hope for the best. It's likely the number of grants will increase given the very tight BMU budget.
- 4) From Claudette Thursday May 30: We do need to schedule an annual meeting. This is a requirement we have as a 401©3. The public has to be invited and we need to elect officers. I'll ask Emilie to put notice up on the sign board at Route 302 right after graduation on June 8th. That should serve as sufficient notice to the public. We need to decide on a date and time. I expect we'll get this done in a very short time. How about Monday, June 17th, at 6:30 pm? My deck is available for snacks and libations

afterwards if there's an interest. Please let me know as soon as possible. The public notice should be up at least a week before the meeting takes place.

- 5) From Claudette Monday June 3: We had unanimously approved Jen Dube's grant request for \$511. This morning Amy called to request we add another 40 dollars since the approved amount was coming up short. I told her to go ahead. With Marie not in this morning, the extra cash will come from other fund sources and will be reimbursed by BMEF. I hope this action is good with all of you. Otherwise, I expect that at our upcoming annual meeting you'll take the opportunity to toss me out as president and elect someone else. I am fully willing to take responsibility for my actions! 😊😊😊 Through email
Ok - Judy C. Judi W Amy and Claudette
- 6) From Jen Dube Monday June 3: Thank you everyone. The cost came to \$24.00 over the original request. I will bring receipts to Marie on Tuesday. Thank you so much! Jen