

HSC Foundation, Inc. Meeting Minutes January 27, 2021

Attendees: Joel Schultz, Teresa Schanski, Angie McArthur, Karen Marshall, Patricia Schiefer, and John MacFarland

Teresa Schanski, vice-president, will conduct today's meeting in the absence of Richard Pershinske, president.

We will invite Donna LaCourt, MDARD, to our next meeting.

The minutes for the December 30, 2020 meeting were approved. Joel Schultz made a motion to accept the minutes, Karen Marshall seconded, motion carried.

Teresa Schanski, treasurer, reported we have \$10,307.55 in the Prime Share account and \$12,059.37 in the Share Draft account as of January 19, 2021. She transferred \$21,947.00 to the Edward Jones Money Market account on January 19, 2021. She has set up sub-accounts for our funds: general, children's endowment, memorials, and watershed. Angie McArthur made a motion to accept the fund designations, Patricia Schiefer seconded, motion carried. Joel Schultz asked how we are storing our records and mentioned using iCloud or something similar. Teresa Schanski will investigate. There was no president's report.

Karen Marshall reported that she is looking for individuals with a landscaping background to design the memorial forest layout. She will contact Tim Nelson and Jim Peters as possibilities. The club website re-design is in progress. The watershed signage is being discussed in the Communication Committee. The Jocko Pond family/handicap dock is in the hands of the Building, House, and Grounds Committee. The Memorandum of Agreement has been forwarded to the club's Tax, Legal, and Audit Committee for review. Joel Schultz will follow with his board also. There was no report for Garfield Township.

Teresa Schanski shared the draft of a letter "Dear Charitable Donor" with categories for charitable giving. The categories are general, memorials, children's endowment, memorial forest, and Millecoquin Watershed. Teresa Schanski welcomes any feedback and edits. It was

discussed that the purpose of non-profits be presented at a club board of governors meeting, future planning committee meeting, annual meeting and various other club meetings. Other topics to be considered for these presentations are memorials and the memorial forest. Karen Marshall will write an educational piece for the winter Council Fire with contact information. She will circulate the draft. The idea for a rivalry fundraiser for U of M, MSU, and the OSU is still in the planning stages. Angie McArthur said LSSU has a cybersecurity class being taught at Pickford High School.

New business: We received a web design quote from Velvet Green with an annual cost of \$485 and a one-time fee of \$1705. At this time we do not have enough money and will keep our existing website as is. Patricia Schiefer investigated the Crayola ColorCycle Program. They will recycle any brand of marker as a "green" initiative to teach the importance of recycling and sustainability. This program is currently on hold due to COVID. We discussed sponsoring a class competition by weight. The township's grant request to fund the Remote Brass Firefox Water Cannon was turned down. We will ask the township if they are interested in us pursuing other possible funding. Patricia Schiefer shared our donation status to date. Karen Marshall will ask if it is possible to put a letter of introduction from the foundation in the membership packet for the club. She will also ask if it is a possibility to release new member's name and contact information to the foundation with their permission. The Millecoquin Watershed grant writing status is as follows. Superior Watershed Partnership may write the EGLE grant due February 18, 2021 on our behalf. John MacFarland and others will meet early next week to discuss the possibility. Patricia Schiefer shared information regarding the Midwest Glacial Lake Fish Habitat Partnership grant. The grant area covers five states and uses 25 volunteers on a steering committee to manage federal funds. She has been in contact with Todd Tisler, the organization's chairperson. He will contact us when the grant cycle begins again. Funding is on an annual basis and is generally due in the fall. There are no matching funds required and the grants can range from \$10,000 to \$75,000. Patricia Schiefer also inquired about the TC Energy grant opportunities and applications are currently on hold but will open shortly. It was advised that we keep checking their website for updates. John MacFarland has received approval from the club to spend \$1,000 on grant writing books.

He will send book options for study to purchase. Angie McArthur will share the contact information for the LSSU Center for Freshwater Research and Education. Richard Pershinske is obtaining a bid for grant writing services from someone in the community. Teresa Schanski asked Angie McArthur if she knew of any current needs in the EUPISD. She stated that they could use disposable children's face masks in the 19 school districts. John MacFarland made a motion to go forward asking for donations to purchase children's face masks using our Facebook page, Karen Marshall seconded, motion carried. Angie McArthur will post on our Facebook page and Patricia Schiefer will share on various club Facebook pages. Karen Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Angie McArthur seconded, motion carried. Our next meeting will be February 24, 2021 at 9:00 am via Zoom.