

HSC Foundation, Inc.
Minutes March 10, 2023

Attendees: Teresa Schanski, John MacFarland, Patricia Schiefer, Richard Pershinske, Karen Marshall, Joel Schultz, Matt Lawrence (guest), John Swangler (guest)

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am via Zoom

Teresa made a motion to approve the February 10, 2023 minutes as written, Karen seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Edward Jones Balances as of March 9, 2023, Stock \$14,237.02 and Money Market \$3,740.32. Transferred \$16,000 to TACU for Superior Watershed Partnership Phase 3. TACU balance is \$2,845.93. Donations deposited were \$295.00 (General \$245.00 and Recycling \$50.00). Payments made were \$900.00 (Advisor for Substance Use Disorder Ad \$400.00 and Holiday for fuel cards \$500.00).

There are no agenda changes.

Introduction of Dr. John Swangler, Director of Behavioral Health Helen Newberry Joy Hospital. John shared that he has successfully written seven grants for HNJVH, participates in the EUP Youth Substance Use Disorder Initiative, served as a US Marine and has two PHD's. Dick makes a motion to add John Swangler as our 10th Foundation board member, John MacFarland seconded, motion carried.

HSC Legacy and Memorial Park: Nothing to report until April.

Website Link: Completed and will be removed from old business.

Revisions to MOU between the Foundation and HSC: Karen will meet with Charley Lawler

Memorandum of Agreement status with the Sault Tribe: Joel will reach out to Eric Clark

Garfield Township Recreation Plan: No report

Recycling: Teresa and Tracey Purrenhage (EGLE) will attend the March 23rd Mackinac County Board of Commissioners meeting to present our plans and progress. It is felt a regional plan is more receptive and should be accomplished before both state and federal governments require it. Joel stated that the Sault Tribe has recycling in seven counties. He will work with Teresa and the District 1 Commissioner. HB 115 dictates what counties are required to do. Dick stated that the transfer station site is likely okay but maybe not the building. Tracey Purrenhage and Teresa will work together and apply for a microgrant (up to \$150,000) for infrastructure to get shovel ready and for technical assistance for a feasibility study.

Children's Endowment: Nothing to report

Rivalry: Nothing to report

Grant Writing Status: Teresa is working on the United Way grant application for \$5,000 to purchase fuel cards. She and John Swangler will present the grant to the United Way review board on March 13th. Mark Schiefer, Hiawatha Sportsman's Club board member and chair of Natural Resources, will work with Pat to submit a grant application for the 2023 DNR Habitat Grant. If approved, grant funds will be used to replace the culvert at 1 mile creek for better fish passage. John MacFarland is coordinating the writing of Phase 4 Watershed grants. He will request \$5,000.00 from Graymont, \$10,000 from TC Energy, and \$10,000 from Enbridge. Letters of Support will be requested from the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club, Superior Watershed Partnership, Garfield Township, and Grossman Forestry. There are 20 fuel cards ready for pickup at Holiday and Dick will pick them up and drop them off to John Swangler today. There was discussion about searching for another grant writer. Justin Knepper will write TC Energy and Enbridge grants for Phase 4 of the watershed plan. Joel suggested looking at mintmaven.com, Kimberly Lavon who is a professional grant writer.

EUP Substance Use Disorder Initiative: John will be calling the news directors at TV stations 4 & 7 and 9 & 10 to see if they would run a story about the successes of the Initiative. The group will meet next on Thursday, March 16th at 5:00 pm. 96 fuel cards have been distributed to date with 9 on hand. Those who received counseling were in the following categories: 52% male, 48% female, age range 5-10 = 32, 11-13 = 37, 14-17 = 8.

EUP Connect Collaborative: No report.

Legacy Giving Guidelines: No report.

Agreement with Newton Township to use site and transfer station: No report

Membership Drive: Teresa and Pat will work on this.

Social Media: Teresa will try to make a weekly FB post

Joel Schultz's "Youth Engaged in Outdoor Recreation" proposal: Change name to "HSC Foundation Support of Youth".

Hiawatha Sportsman's Club Future Planning Committee: The Committee will meet with their board of governors, the Foundation and guests will be welcome. The meeting will take place on April 14. It was discussed that we form a sub-committee and add Matt Lawrence.

Marketing Plan: Tied to Future Planning Committee.

Discussion and information about food sustainability with input from Karen who represents LOVE Inc. and Joel. Ideas included asking club members for game, Fish Fry to benefit veterans, donation from the club, and establishing a hoop garden locally.

John Swangler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Karen seconded it, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 am.