

**Seven Oak Education Foundation  
Meeting Tuesday, October 8, 2013  
Board Room, Seven Oak School Division**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Margaret Brett, President  
Irv Simmonds, Vice President  
Wayne Shimizu, Treasurer  
Pat Stefanchuk, Past President  
Dawne Smithson, Secretary  
Ted Ash, Director  
Ajit Kaur Deol, O.M. Director  
Bernie Gowryluk, Director  
Cory Juan, Director  
Kraig Hillis, Director  
Avrum Senesky, Director

**Regrets:** Lorena Galante, Director  
Harriet Zaidman, Director  
Steve Medwick, Director  
Ramona Gallos, Honorary Life Member  
Fran Taylor, Director

Margaret Brett called the meeting to order

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Kraig Hillis/Irv Simmonds that the agenda for the meeting be adopted as listed.

**Carried**

**2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes September 10, 2013.**

It was noted that the minutes need to be amended to reflect regrets from Cory Juan.

Irv Simmonds/Wayne Shimizu that the minutes of September 20, 2013 meeting be approved as amended.

**Carried**

**3. Publications**

Pat stated that Darren from Changemakers is developing the fall newsletter which will contain information on the executive members of SOEF. Remaining directors will be focus of upcoming issue of the newsletter. Pat stated that she had reviewed the letters

of thanks that had been received from recent scholarship winners and she noted there were no letters received from winners of scholarships at West Kildonan Collegiate. She stated that she will follow up with Jerry Corr to check and see if letters had been received at West Kildonan Collegiate, but had not been forwarded to SOEF.

#### **4. Fund Raising**

Margaret reminded everyone that the Spud Steak Beverage Event is scheduled for Friday, February 7, 2014 and encouraged everyone to start thinking about potential prizes for the event.

Discussion took place on the potential of having a Super Bowl Ticket Raffle. Dawne stated that she will look into cost vs. revenue for discussion at the November meeting.

Ted Ash stated that Seven Oaks School Division has hired a marketing staff person, Lorraine Maciboric. He approached Lorraine about helping with the staff campaign. She indicated that she has a heavy workload at the present time. He has asked Margaret Brett to speak to Brian O'Leary to discuss potential for Lorraine to allocate some time to assist with the fundraising campaign to staff. Margaret stated that they are also looking into the potential of having Lorraine join the SOEF board.

Ted stated that he has spoken to Graham Thompson, Red River Community College about the possibility of having a student assist with the fundraising. Mr. Thompson required further information, which Ted has supplied. Once he has had an opportunity to review the information, he will get back to Ted.

#### **5. Financial Report**

Wayne circulated the financial report for the period ending September 30, 2013. He stated that the Seven Oaks School Division had made their annual donation of \$16,000. In discussion with Margaret Brett, it was agreed that the funds should be transferred to the general fund at the Winnipeg Foundation and are reflected as in Transit.

Ted noted that there are a number of investments maturing in November. This will be an agenda item for the November meeting.

Irv spoke about the All Charities Campaign of the Manitoba Government in which employees can designate their donation to a charity of choice. "Ways to Give" will be slated as an item in inclusion in an upcoming newsletter.

#### **6. Winnipeg Foundation Report**

Wayne stated that the Winnipeg Foundation report had been circulated in advance of the meeting for the period ending August 31, 2013. Total funds at the Foundation are \$606,574.47.

## **7. Scholarships**

Ted stated that the board would like to see a comprehensive list of all scholarships which had been given out in 2013. Wayne will provide for the November meeting.

## **8. New Business**

Cory Juan stated that she had attended the awards ceremony at West Kildonan Collegiate. Irv Simmonds had brought greetings on behalf of SOEF and provided information on the work of SOEF. She stated this was positively received and would be a good thing to do at awards ceremonies at all the high schools. Margaret will follow up with the other schools re like events and the potential for SOEF to have a presence.

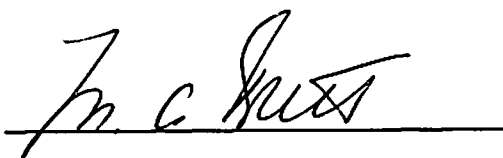
Wayne stated that CanadaHelps.org has changed their giving page and it is now possible to designate a donation to a specific SOEF scholarship fund online.

Irv stated that the Garden City Class of 1978 had their thirty five year class reunion and held a 50/50 draw, with the proceeds being designated to SOEF.

Cory Juan stated that she had attended a recent dinner where donor cards/envelopes had been made available to attendees. She stated this could be done at future SOEF fundraising events.

## **9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 5:00 pm at the Board Room, Seven Oaks School Division.



**President**



**Secretary**