# SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. Meeting Tuesday, October 9, 2012 5:00 Seven Oaks School Division Board Room 830 Powers Street Minutes

#### Present:

Margaret Brett, President
Irv Simmonds Vice President
Wayne Shimizu, Treasurer
Pat Stefanchuk, Past President
Dawne Smithson, Secretary
Ted Ash, Director
Bernie Gowryluk, Director
Kraig Hillis, Director
Cam MacIver, Director
Steve Medwick, Director
Harriet Zaidman, Director

#### Regrets:

Mario Coquete Director Ajit Kaur Deol O.M., Director Ramona Gallos, Director Jerry Maslowsky, Director Fran Taylor, Director

Margaret Brett called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

# 1. Approval of Agenda Irv Simmonds/Wayne Shimizu

That the agenda for the meeting be adopted as listed."

Carried.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2012.

## Pat Stefanchuk/Harriet Zaidman

"That the minutes of the November 8, meeting be approved".

Carried

Discussion took place on the guidelines with respect to membership on the Publications Committee. Wayne indicated that he would determine length of terms of membership for board and committee members.

Pat stated that she; Ted Ash and Irv Simmonds have agreed to stay on the Publications Committee.

## 3. Review of SOEF Meeting Dates, Time, Format

Margaret stated that she had circulated a SOEF Board Needs Assessment form to committee members in September and that the committee felt that the meeting day of the second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm. was fine.

Margaret reviewed the highlights of the responses including the need for greater emphasis on fundraising.

Discussion took place on what is needed to grow fundraising for SOEF including:

- Increased awareness in the community
- Clearly articulated statement of need (what specifically are we fundraising for, why is it needed, etc.)
- Potential avenues for fundraising, i.e. past graduates, staff of 7 Oaks, Corporations, individuals
- Should we be looking at developing a formal job description for a fund raising professional (part time / full time)

Discussion took place on the pros and cons of hiring a professional fundraiser. It was determined that further discussion was needed on this item. Wayne stated that the board has census data that might be beneficial in fundraising. Ted Ash will schedule a meeting of the Fund Raising Committee prior to the November meeting.

#### 4. Correspondence

Margaret stated that the correspondence folder is being circulated for the committee's review.

### 5. Fund Raising

Margaret reminded the committee that the Bud Spud Event is scheduled for Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Canad Inns Garden City.

#### 6. Bridge Builder Award

Discussion took place on the scope of the award. Margaret clarified that all Grade 12 students in the Seven Oaks School Division are able to apply and the award is not restricted to one ethnic group.

The motion made at the September 11 meeting was revised.

#### Cam MacIver/Kraig

That the Seven Oaks Education Foundation accept the Bridge Builders Award to be given to a high school student of Seven Oaks School Division. Carried

# 7. Financial Report

Wayne circulated the Financial Report for the period ending September 2012. Harriet Zaidman noted that the Zaidman Fund should always be referred to the as the Nellie & Ben Zaidman fund.

# 8. Winnipeg Foundation Report

Wayne circulated the Winnipeg Foundation statements for the period October 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012.

#### 9. New Business

Pat Stefanchuk noted that Darren from Changemakers had interviewed Desiree Scott who was a graduate of Seven Oaks School Division and was an Olympian. The next issue of the newsletter is targeted to be out by the end of October.

Wayne stated that he will check on the status of the Foundation website to determine if updates were needed.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated.

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The next meeting of the board of Directors is Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

President

Secretary