

## ACSDF April 2010 Board of Director Minutes

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alburnett Community School District Foundation was called to order by Al Sorensen at 6:00 p.m. on April 15, 2010 at the ICN room of the High School.

### **Board Members present were:**

Sherry Cook, Eric Heims, Tim German, Susan Koch, Esther Kremer, Maria McFadden, Carl Meiners, Karen Miller, Jeanie Neighbor, Mike Olinger, Sharon Robertson, Greg Smith and Al Sorensen.

### **Visitors present were:**

Katie Johnson & Dave Boesenberg

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. The financial reports were presented and approved.

### **The Board discussed the following old business:**

#### Complex Project Update:

The black dirt pile in the Southwest corner has been dispersed over the football field and practice field areas. The grading was brought up 6 more inches from original markings for improved drainage. We may need more dirt and/or compost before seeding grass in some areas. Dave Boesenberg discussed the option of using the city compost pile if we were able to provide a truck to transport it to the complex. Al Sorensen reported a total cost of \$12,000 spent, to date, on grading and moving the dirt. The following items were discussed as part of the next steps to be prioritized:

- Tiling of the inside part of the track
- Place stand pipes in various areas around the complex which will feed into the existing tile for improved drainage in known problem areas
- Create a catch basin near the northwest corner of the track to improve drainage
- Pick up rocks when the tiling is completed so oats/grass can be seeded and mowed. Craig Titler will be mowing the complex this year and will only mow rock-free areas
- A portable bathroom will be placed on site in the near future
- Alliant Energy is ready to start the 3-phase electrical service and is working on the easement through the Rick & Melissa Smith property
- Glen Wickman is still on schedule to install the sewer lines
- Need to start hauling rock to roadway areas of the complex and spread millings around the walking trail
- Need to seed around the ball diamonds
- Bob Berry is coordinating the completion of the upper softball diamond infield

The board discussed the need to relieve the water standing behind Rick Smith's house. Stand pipes were discussed as an option to move the standing water out of that area. Al asked what groups might be interested in helping to volunteer with picking up rocks around the complex. Mike Olinger suggested we contact the Youth Football Program for interest. The Bluegrass Enterprises Sod Farm has agreed to help work with us in growing grass on our fields.

Gala Update:

Susan Koch reported many exciting updates. The confirmed number of people attending this year's event is up by 31 people from last year. We are also at an all time record for silent and live auction items. Thanks to Dave Boesenberg for making the wire cages for the raffle events. Thanks to Eric Heims for making the wine toss stand. Room setup starts at 9:00am on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> for those wanting to help setup for the event. The Gala starts at 5:30pm with dinner served at 6:30pm and the program will start around 7:15pm.

Concession Stand Building Committee Update:

No update provided this month.

Pirate Playground Update:

The committee is working on plans to include lower maintenance type materials. They are trying to get the Elementary involved in the overall design. Several fundraisers are currently underway or being planned including a Super Skate event planned for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, a Square Dance Benefit to be held at Westdale Mall on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The committee will be working on writing grants in the near future.

Foundation Wall:

No update provided

Grants/Donor Solicitations:

No update provided

Pillar Scholarship Update

Mike Olinger reported there were 13 applications for this year's scholarships. Interviews will start on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**The Board discussed the following new business:**

Alumni Basketball Tourney Fundraiser:

Katie Johnson presented ideas for an alumni basketball tournament to be held next year. The board approved the fundraiser idea and supports Katie in moving forward with plans for the event. Several ideas were discussed in how the event can be organized. Katie will finalize and report on the details in the upcoming months as they become available.

Katie also expressed the interest, of her family, to plant a tree in honor of her grandfather, somewhere around the softball fields at the complex. The board unanimously approved with further discussion as to a preferred location.

Drive One 4 UR School Fundraiser:

No update provided.

Need for Storage:

Sherry Cook brought to the board's attention the need for space to store various items used throughout the year. Several options were discussed including renting a storage unit, building

another small storage shed or using the new concession stand when it becomes available. Sherry provided the board with information from Carla McMurrin, who owns the storage units in town. Carla has extended, as a donation to the Foundation, the rate of one size lower than what we select. After further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve renting a 10x10 size storage unit on a month to month basis. Additional options will be discussed at the next board meeting. The desire would be to eventually have our own storage space at the complex without renting.

#### Organization & Data Entry of Donation Record

Al discussed the need to get our donation records more organized and entered into the Donor Database. Several board members are willing to help but a better understanding of tasks are necessary so that a plan to organize and a process to maintain can be developed. A subcommittee of Esther Kremer, Tim German, Maria McFadden, Al Sorensen, Eric Heims and Kelly Baier will be formed to help with this effort. Eric and Kelly will coordinate the first meeting to discuss what tasks need to be done to organize the records.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

#### Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the ICN Room in the Alburnett High School.

Submitted by: Esther Kremer, Secretary