

ACSDF May 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 May 20, 2010 at the ICN room of the High School.

Board Members present were:

Kelly Baier, Wendy Callahan, Jeff Carrothers, Eric Heims, Susan Koch, Esther Kremer, Maria McFadden, Carl Meiners, Karen Miller, Jeanie Neighbor, Sharon Robertson, Patty Shaffer and Al Sorensen.

Visitors present were:

Dede Eschen, Marv Porter, Jason Martin and Kirk Sauer

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:

Jeanie Neighbor reported that Jeff Carrothers has started to cultivate the complex so we can sow a cover over everything but the oval track area. Linn Coop has agreed to donate the seed for the grass cover. Now that the tiling has been completed, the board discussed the need for rocks to be picked up so oats/grass can be seeded and mowed. Jeanie also reported the sewer line has been installed.

Al discussed meeting with a couple representatives from companies that build baseball/football fields. Representatives from Iowa Cubs and Bush Sports Turf came over to discuss next steps to finish the football/track area. Such steps to consider: Irrigation, tiling, final grading and seed/sod the field. We will solicit professional bids for this part of the project to ensure work is done properly.

The board discussed the size pump needed for the well. Further discussion with irrigation contractors is necessary to determine what would be adequate for the complex.

Still need to build up the trail in various places. The easement has been signed with Alliant Energy. Conduit will be installed up through the transformer pad this weekend. Then Alliant Energy can proceed with the installation of the 3-phase electrical service and transformer.

Marv Porter reported progress on the softball fields. Railroad ties have been delivered to be used around the bull pens and batting cages. Backstops are finished. We are still waiting for the upper diamond infield to be cut out and completed. The board discussed the possibility of cutting the sod away from the infield to be used in other areas of the ball diamonds that need grass.

Concession Stand Building Committee Update:

No committee update provided this month. The board discussed the opportunity of an 8'x8' concession stand built thru a donation from Sam's Club and Mars Candy. The application has been completed and AI will get further status for next month's meeting.

Pirate Playground Update:

Dede Eschen reported on the Pirate Playground Project. The committee will focus on applying for various grants this summer. The York Children's Foundation grant is due in July. The Pepsi Refresh Project is tentatively scheduled to submit in the August/September timeframe. The Scholastic grant is due by end of June. A discussion was held regarding placing a "Future site of Pirate Playground" sign along Alburnett Road to help advertise the project.

Foundation Wall:

Mike Olinger provided an e-mail update on the Foundation Wall project. Mike would like to call this project, "The Horizon's Awards". More details will be presented in the next few months. Eric Heims and Kelly Baier have agreed to serve on the review committee along with Mike.

Drive One for the School:

Wendy Callahan reported on the Drive One for the School event. The event date has been confirmed August 7, 2010 during the Alburnett Children Benefit days. Junge Lincoln-Mercury will bring 6 new vehicles down to test drive. Junge will donate \$20 for each test drive.

Grants/Donor Solicitations:

Kelly Baier reported he is working on completing a grant from the Cardinals baseball organization. Deadline for this application is July 1st.

Storage Shed

The foundation has rented a 10'x20' storage shed. If anyone would like to store foundation related items, please contact Eric Heims or Karen Miller for the keys.

The Board discussed the following new business:

Gala Final Results:

The Gala was another huge success this year bringing in \$19,614. A meeting will be held in the next month to capture lessons learned for next year's event. March 12th, has been selected for next year's event at the Marriott.

2010 Youth Football Jamboree Fundraiser Event:

Jason Martin presented a new fundraiser idea to the board. The youth football program will be hosting the 2010 Jamboree this year here at Alburnett on Aug 28th. There will be 16-20 youth teams participating in this one-day event. Concessions and prize events are needed and Jason is looking to the foundation for help in organizing this effort. Karen Miller and Maria McFadden will work with the Booster Club to coordinate the possibility of using the concession stand.

Alumni Softball Game:

Wendy Callahan reported on the Alumni Softball game plans. She reported that there is a conflict with the original date of July 30th. After a short discussion, the day after the Children's Benefit Days, August 8th has been selected. More details will be forthcoming in the next board meeting.

Pioneer Grant Opportunities:

Kirk Sauer presented the board a \$500 check from the Pioneer Hi-Bred International awarded to Kirk and Linn Coop – Alburnett in recognition of sales achievements. Kirk also presented the board with a grant opportunity to the Pioneer Hi-Bred Giving Program and offered his assistance to the person completing the form. The deadline is within the next month with a focus on agricultural benefits.

Alburnett Children's Benefit Day:

Sharon Robertson reported that t-shirt logos have been selected and the timer equipment has been rented. Plans for the race are progressing well. More planning discussions will be held in our next month's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the ICN Room in the Alburnett High School.

Submitted by: Esther Kremer, Secretary