



Terra Nova Education Foundation General Meeting

March 11, 2021 7:00PM
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Rachel Cauteruccio at 7:04pm

In attendance: Rachel Cauteruccio, Anna Duckworth, Karen Sansot, Jen Uter, Ralph Crame, Julie Arnaudo, Megan Carey, Nicole Copeland

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were emailed to the board from the February 11, 2021, meeting and approved.

- 1) **Welcome** – Rachel C
- 2) **Treasurer's Update:** Karen
 - a) Karen S said in February, TNEF received 2 donations totaling \$1,700 and had a \$38 expense for Facebook so we added \$1,668 to our balance. In March, TNEF received 5 checks totaling \$875 for the upcoming virtual wine tasting fundraiser. Rachel C said she'll check with Beth about how much goes to A Grape in the Fog. TNEF also received \$220 in other donations to date in March through PayPal.
 - b) Karen S said we have more than \$30k so we should check with Ms. Carey if there are needs we can help with.
- 3) **School needs update:** Ms. Carey
 - a) Ms. Carey said with some sports now back the push is on to return to school with discussion focused on a hybrid return plan.
 - b) Ms. Carey said for next year, needs will likely include college tours, teacher-led workshops, etc. and she is steering conversations back in that direction.
 - c) In terms of current needs, she said TN is pretty well taken care of. Ralph C asked if there were any needs connected to hybrid reopening. He said at his school, they are buying technology in preparation and have bought tents to accommodate outdoor instruction. Ms Carey said right now everything is covered for TN and that for now, only P.E. teachers will be teaching outside. Ralph C said the Belmont plan is to bring back 25% on April 5th and that the majority of those surveyed there said they wanted to continue distance learning.
 - d) Julie A asked if there was a return to school plan as we move through the tiers. Ms. Carey said that will be covered at upcoming board meeting.
 - e) Rachel C said we will start the budget planning process this summer. Ms. Carey said there is no talk of extending the school year.
- 4) **8th Grade Transition Team** – Ms. Carey
 - a) Ms Carey said Beth Boldt was going to make a Powerpoint presentation as a next step. Julie A. said reopening discussions have taken the focus recently.
- 5) **Online Fundraising update:** Rachel C
 - a) Rachel C said we've sold 5 wine tasting packages.
 - b) Rachel C said we'll have the final online fundraiser in April with the beeswax wrap.

c) Rachel C said she and Beth will drop off wine tonight. Jen U said she will also drop off wine packages tomorrow.

6) **Business Outreach:** Julie A

a) Julie A said we received a \$500 and that we should be getting a \$150 Partner Point donation match on behalf of Jim Wagner. Karen S checked her email and confirmed that TNEF had received the \$150 matching donation.

7) **AOB**

a) Jen U asked Ms. Carey about the newsletter survey and if teachers would be at home teaching kids on Zoom as part of the hybrid plan. Ms. Carey clarified that all teachers will be in the classroom and there could be situations when in-person students log into Zoom to collaborate with distance learning students in the same class.

b) Jen U asked if graduation is under discussion. Ms. Carey said yes and that the school is still waiting for guidance. Jen U asked about the possibility of an outdoor prom. Ms. Carey said the senior class student government was told to look into how an event could be held and what safety measures would be needed. They are coming up with options to present to Ms. Carey. Ms. Carey said her indication is that the county is starting to take the lead of how to handle graduations this year.

c) Karen S asked if coaches were going to reach out to students regarding sports restarting. Ms. Carey said yes and that they're still figuring out practice times and field usage. She said football and water polo had already started and several more sports will restart next week.

d) Julie A asked if there had been any announcements in students classes about sports reopening. Ms. Carey said she had heard that the news wasn't reaching all of the students so she will work on that and put notice on the IG page.

e) Rachel C said it's time to start thinking about who will be the next board president since her child will be graduating this year.

- **Next Meeting (Virtual):** Thursday, April 8, 7PM (2nd Thursday of the month)