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SUN PRAIRIE BUSINESS AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

March 21, 2019 – Minutes (taken by Krista Kaltenberg)

Board Members: Krista Kaltenberg, Christi Winchel, Patrick Malinowski, Vince Brandl, Shirley Statz Jill Conaway, Marv Hupp, James Ertl, Alex McAndrew, James Ackley, Nancy Everson, Chris Swenson, David Thwing, Karen Bailey, Seth Degnan, Cierra Lee, Sarah Smith. **BEP Members:** Ray Koepcke, Jean Skinner.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:41 am by Nancy Everson at Colony Brands.

Welcome & Introductions: Thank you to Colony Brands for hosting today. Bill Held shared information about the history of Colony Brands. He also shared information about different catalogs. Colony Brands is a family owned company.

Approval of February BEP Minutes: Motion made by Nancy Everson; seconded by Jill Conaway to approve the February minutes. Motion carried.

Student Feature: Alex McAndrew shared that the boys basketball team made it to the state title tournament and took 2nd in state. Winter sports are wrapped up. Spring sports are in full swing. Thank you for helping with FBLA competition in February. DECA competition was in Lake Geneva, where 32 students are moving on to the next level. DECA is having fish fry fundraiser. The Fish Fry is on Friday, March 29th from 5-8 pm at the The Round Table. It's \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids (ages 4-12).

Guest Feature: Cierra Lee spoke. She coordinates Schools of Hop tutors, and she is looking for tutors in the schools. Also she is involved with the Urban League of Greater Madison - as a Career Specialist. Lee also runs the Career Clubs at PVMS and CHUMS. She is looking for up to 20 8th or 9th graders to be involved in a paid internship by the Urban League this summer. Applications are live.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Everson shared her report. There was a \$5 expense for GRIT recognition. Dues coming in were \$200 came in from reading buddies. We have 5 companies yet to pay for their reading buddies pairing. Everson reported that the checking account is strong. Investments are strong, and we are financially fine.

Calendar of Events: Everson handed out the new calendar. Volunteers needed have been emailed for upcoming events.

Please note: The April Board meeting is Thursday, April 11, the week before usual due to our normal 3rd Thursday meeting date falling during the district's spring break.

Unfinished Business/Old Business:

- Slate of Officers/Board Members - Krista shared the proposed slate in Betsy's absence. Everyone listed is happy to continue in roles proposed.. Everson will check with Carol Smithson as to her intentions as her role at work has changed. There was discussion on getting attending representation from DO and CHUMS. Members are working on this (Butler, Everson, Ackley).
- Annual Business Recognition Nominees - There was discussion of possible recipients. Continue to brainstorm and send Nancy or Betsy ideas prior to the next meeting.

Committee Reports

- 30th Anniversary Committee: Everson reported that the room is reserved at WPPI for May 16 to celebrate the 30 years this organization has been around.
- Bench - Sharlot and Christi met with fire department about putting bench there. FD is going to do something at the "new" department (Westside building) creating a memorial. They are looking to have that finished by the end of May. They suggested putting it there instead of the downtown location.
Highlight Video: Working on slide presentation
- Adopt a Future: Sarah Smith met with the committee this week. Currently, we have \$26,000 with \$14,000 assigned to students. We have 11 of current applications of students in the running to receive scholarships; they are AVID students. We received 94 applications and then reduced the number to 11. The committee decided to award 3 scholarships. Chris Swenson will reach out to businesses to refresh the program with them and to let them know they have a student in the system still. James Ackley had the idea to have businesses put smaller amounts of money into pot to lift kids up together. Much discussion about the personal touch. Businesses do not currently hear from scholarship recipients.
- Adopt a School: James Ackley asked if BEP could pay for bus to take business. There is a budget for this, so the money is there already.
- GRIT: Nancy has a student from Menards to recognize. Chris Mertes put a plug in The Star about BEP recognitions. Chris Swenson mentioned we need to figure out how many folders will be needed at the beginning of each quarter since we are switching the timing of the program. Everson said to figure 1600-2000 folders for 4th and 5th. Chris will get a count of what he has left at his office. There was discussion about Sacred Hearts joining back into the GRIT program.
- Upcoming HS Workplace Recognitions - The next one will be this upcoming weekend at Woodman's.
- Marketing/Membership/PR: - There are about 5 businesses left to collect dues. Financially we are fine, and we have weathered the changing of the membership cycle start date. Payment options - Marv got the PayPal account up and running, and he will put the link on the website. There are no safeguards in place to protect our treasurer. Chris will pass on user name and password to Nancy. There was discussion on having

a second set of eyes on accounts. Ray Koepcke volunteered to be the second set of eyes with view only access to accounts.

- Reading Buddies: Seth Degnan shared there are 5 people that haven't paid yet. Everson will talk to long term buddies first and then open it up to others to cover any new classrooms.
- Reality Rocks: Patrick Malinowski will use most of materials used last time. He will freshen up a few things. We are looking good for volunteers but could always use more. There are about 250 students expected. May 1st is the date.

Activities:

- Mock Interviews: Everson thanked Joel Coyne at CHUMS and Kurt Nickelsburg at SPHS. They have been wonderful to work with.
- Teach-In/Career Day: At PMMS this Friday, March 22. Vince Brandl thanked people for helping get this organized.
- Working Wednesdays: Ertel reported that Walmart was in yesterday. No one signed up for next one yet. He expects the City of Sun Prairie to come in to recruit for summer help.
- Senior Exit Interviews - Nothing new to report at this time

Other Items of Interest for the BEP Board:

- None

Adjournment: Motion made by Everson, seconded by Hupp to adjourn at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Our next board meeting is on Thursday, April 11, 2019, at Prairie Phoenix Academy.

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