

Southfield Community Foundation  
**Minutes for Meeting of May 18, 2007**

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Lear Corporation – Board Room  
21557 Telegraph Road, Southfield, MI  
7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**Attending:** M. Adams, W. Adams, M. Benghiat, C. Chambers, I. Clark, W. Cook-Robinson, S. Dibble, T. Ewing, S. Griffin, D. Gross, W. Peal, E. Powers, R. Saunders, W. Steffan, C. Thames, M. Williams, [W. Goodell, C. Johnson]

**Guest:** Rebecca Sorensen, UBS Financial Services

**Not Attending:** T. Allen, M. Balloch, L. Beller, N. Cook, J. Comer, K. Miller, J. Ralph, M. Waring, L. Wright,

- I. **Welcome, Introductions and notes of interest.** The meeting was called to order by T. Ewing. M. Williams welcomed all to Lear and gave a short overview of the company.
- II. **Treasurer's Report.** T. Ewing reported that the Audit was under way and scheduled to be received shortly. Ewing introduced R. Sorensen, the Foundation's investment advisor. Sorensen presented an overview of our investments and indicated that she advises strengthening our fixed equity position slightly in view of the Stock Market's long run-up. She reviewed the process by which she chooses fund advisors for the Foundation.
- III. **Reports**
  - a. **Southfield Guarantee.** W. Cook-Robinson presented an overview of the Guarantee, a program of the Foundation's Education Committee. She specifically thanked Thom Bainbridge for his leadership and AT&T for their strong support.
  - b. **Southfield Youth Center.** S. Griffin mention recent progress with the City regarding hurdles to the project, the possibility of changing architects and contracting with the City to do the construction and the request from the United Way that we apply for a grant of \$250,000. **The Board asked that Griffin's email to the city council be shared with the Board.**
- IV. **Action Items**
  - a. **Minutes.** The Board reviewed the Minutes for March 23, 2007 meeting of the Board of Trustees. C. Thames asked that the minutes reflect her presence and pointed out a typo in the Executive Director's Report. **A motion to approve the Minutes, as corrected, was made by Ed Powers, supported by M. Benghiat and approved without dissent.**
  - b. **Grant Requests.** The Education Committee indicated that they would have several requests over the next couple of weeks for Executive Committee Review. The Grant Committee presented a request for a Program grant of \$12,500 to be used to promote parenting programs through five religious organizations. C. Thames and S. Griffin outlined the process used to develop this pro-active programming request and indicated the steps to be taken for implementation pending Trustee approval. **A motion to support the program was made by E. Powers and supported by R. Saunders. The motion passed without dissent.** The YAC indicated that they would be forwarding recommendations on various grants to the Executive Committee in the coming few weeks.
- V. **Updates**
  - a. **YAC.** C. Chambers reported that their year was quickly coming to an end. New YAC officers would be elected in the coming week. Chambers reported on the Shock Ticket Challenge and the postponement of the related Safe Night Party. She was strongly encouraged to reschedule the party by C. Thames, W. Cook-Robinson and others who offered their assistance. The Board thanked the YAC representatives for their outstanding work and offered a rousing round of applause for C. Chambers and I. Clark.
  - b. **Shock.** Shock tickets are being sold by several youth groups as a fundraiser for the Youth Center. The City that sells the most tickets will receive a Pistons/Shock Learn to

Read Center. Corporations are encouraged to by fistfuls and sponsor women's nights out for their employees.

- c. **Scholarships.** W. Goodell reported that the Education Committee had awarded four scholarships on behalf of the Foundation and S. Griffin indicated that the 2007 Ward Scholarship would not be awarded this year due to a lack of timely applicants. . .this being in line with Ms. Ward's values.

**VI. Executive Director's Report**

- a. **Southfield's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** W. Goodell reported that the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee was expecting some financial help from the Foundation. Goodell suggested that if a proposed history of Southfield book was to be published, then it might make sense to commit a grant from the Mary Thompson Fund to that project. He also mention a program recommended by City Councilman K. Siver to purchase disease resistant American Elms and use them to replace the Ash and Maple trees that were destroyed by disease. Planting for the future seems to be a great tie in with the Foundation's push to build endowed funds.
- b. **Golf 2007.** W. Goodell asked for advice on the feasibility of holding a golf outing in 2007. Comments were mixed. Goodell indicated that if he could find one or two additional lead sponsors, then he would go ahead with the planning as the funds were needed for operations.
- c. **Foundation Forum.** W. Goodell asked all Board members to plan to attend the Foundation Forum: "What Makes Healthy Communities Healthy?" scheduled for June 21, 7:00 p.m. at the Southfield Public Library. This program was being presented by the Foundation, the Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the Southfield Public Library. Goodell hoped that it would be the first in a series of discussion on strategic thinking on Southfield and the concept of community.

Respectfully submitted on Friday, May 18, 2007 by

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Warren E. Goodell  
Executive Director