

Southfield Community Foundation
Minutes for Meeting of September 21, 2007

Michigan First Credit Union
27000 Evergreen Road, Lathrup Village, MI
7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Attending: M. Adams, L. Beller, M. Benghiat, W. Cook-Robinson, S. Dibble, T. Ewing, C. Fort, S. Griffin, D. Gross, M. Lesinski, W. Peal, E. Powers, B. Rogers, J. Scharret, C. Thames, M. Williams. [W. Goodell, C. Johnson]

Guest: Nimrod Rosenthal, City of Southfield, Linda Cooper, Woman's Fund Advisory Committee Chair.

Not Attending: M. Balloch, K. Miller, J. Ralph, L. Wright. W. Adams, T. Allen, N. Cook, J. Comer, R. Saunders, W. Steffan, M. Waring,

I. Welcome, Introductions and notes of interest. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by L. Beller. Trustees shared notes of personal interest, celebrations and announcements.

II. Reports.

- a. Women's Fund. L. Cooper thanked the Trustees for their support of the Woman's Fund and reported on the Women's Fund membership drive, now at almost 70 members, and invited the Trustees to attend the Woman's Fund Autumn Ball.
- b. Southfield's 50th Anniversary. N. Rosenthal reported on the City's plans for the 50th Anniversary Celebration and asked the Foundation to be a sponsor of the official kick-off event, Fire and Ice, on Jan. 26 at Plum Hollow. After brief discussion, the request was approved by acclamation.
- c. SPS 60th Anniversary Celebration. W. Cook-Robinson reported on all the activities planned for the SPS 60th. This will be the first major alumni gathering in many years.
- d. Southfield Guarantee. W. Cook-Robinson reported on the progress being made on the Southfield Guarantee.
- e. B. Rogers shared her thoughts on the YAC's summer and plans for the Fall.

III. Treasurer's Report. T. Ewing asked that the Trustees approve the continuation of the FY 2006 grant schedule for FY 2007 until a revised schedule was put together. C. Thames made a motion to approve the continuation, W. Cook-Robinson seconded the motion and it was approved without dissent.

IV. Action Items.

- a. Grant Committee. C. Thames presented a motion to increase the amount of grants for the Parenting Program approved in FY 2006 (\$12,500) to \$14,250. D. Gross seconded the motion. After discussion it was agreed to make a second grant of \$1,750 in FY 2007 to support the program. The motion was approved without dissent.
- b. 50th Anniversary Elm Tree Request. W. Goodell requested that the Trustees approve approximately \$16,120 (the final amount to be determined by shipping costs) to collaborate with the City of Southfield in offering Elm Trees to Southfield residents and commemorative trees for civic plantings. S. Griffin moved for approval, E. Powers supported and the motion was approved without dissent.

V. Southfield Center's For Youth. S. Griffin presented the Board with an update on construction plans and fund raising for the Youth Center.

VI. City Council Presentation. W. Goodell reviewed the materials prepared for the requested meeting with the Southfield City Council. He asked as many Trustees as possible to attend and noted that the City Council President had included an item on the Agenda regarding the exploration of the Magnolia Center as an alternative site for the Youth Center.

VII. Executive Director's Report. W. Goodell reported that L. Beller had submitted her resignation as Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Her new responsibilities at Comcast will limit her ability to participate at the Officer level.

Respectfully submitted on Friday, September 21, 2007 by

Warren E. Goodell
Executive Director