

Southfield Community Foundation Board of Trustees Minutes for Meeting of March 6, 2008

Southfield Public School Administration Building (JWE)
24661 Lahser Road, Southfield, MI
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Attending: M. Adams, M. Benghiat, N. Cook, W. Cook-Robinson, S. Dibble, G. Dudley, S. Griffin, D. Gross, W. Peal, E. Powers, B. Rogers, C. Thames, M. Williams [*W. Goodell, C. Johnson*]

Not Attending: T. Allen, M. Balloch, L. Beller, T. Ewing, C. Fort, M. Lesinski, K. Miller, J. Ralph, J. Scharret, M. Waring, L. Wright, A. Wynn.

- I. **Welcome and Approval of the Minutes of 2/7/08.** The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by G. Dudley. The Board reviewed and confirmed the Foundation's Mission Statement. E. Powers moved for approval of the Minutes of the Board of Trustee meeting on 2/7/08. The motion was supported by S. Dibble and approved without dissent.
- II. **Financial Report.** W. Goodell reported that the Audit was in progress. It is hoped that a draft report will be available by the May 8 meeting of the Board. W. Goodell reported that the 2008 grant allocation recommendations were not yet available. Goodell asked the Trustees to approve the 2007 grant schedule as a working document until the 2008 schedule was completed. D. Gross made a motion to approve grant spending for 2008 at the 2007 levels pending the completion of the 2008 recommendations. The motions was supported by M. Benghiat and approved without dissent. G. Dudley restated the need to elect a Treasurer and to recruit a Finance Committee to work on budget reporting to the Board.
- III. **Funds Catalogue.** W. Goodell recommended approve of the Fund Oversight recommendations contained in the Catalogue of Funds. After discussion, the request was tabled until the May 8, 2008 meeting of the Board. Any Trustee with suggestions for changes or clarification was asked to forward those items to the Grant Committee, c/o Cheryl Thames.
- IV. **Youth Center.** S. Griffin reported on the progress and delays with the Youth Center. The United Way grant request for \$250,000 was still being reviewed by the UW. A decision is now expected by March 27, 2008. Griffin reported that a Program Director had been identified and that an Executive Director and a construction manager would be hired shortly.
- V. **Executive Director's Report.** W. Goodell reported that there was some discussion on the possibility of holding an annual Fire and Ice event for the benefit of the Foundation. It would provide an excellent opportunity for a return to the Commitment to Community awards. N. Cook agreed to chair an exploratory committee. W. Bonus and M. Benghiat will also serve on the committee. He updated the Board on the Council of Michigan Foundations' community foundation executive directors meeting and encouraged all Trustees who were able to plan to attend the October 12-14 CMF Annual Conference. He also reported that Kari Pardoe, a YAC expert, was interested in volunteering as a YAC advisor. Finally, Goodell reported on the meeting of the Diversity Committee and their plans for an October 2008 Youth Diversity Symposium.
- VI. **Trustee Discussion.** W. Goodell asked the Trustees to give some thought to the size of the Board and whether a smaller number of Trustees might improve attendance and committee work.
- VII. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted to the Board of Trustees on Thursday, May 8, 2008 by

Warren E. Goodell
Executive Director