**Armstrong School District Foundation**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 24, 2024**

The members of ASD Foundation convened the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room of Admin with the following members present:

Sam Kirk, Executive Director Tom Toy

Jon McCullough, Treasurer Dr. Chuck Kreinbucher

Kathy Heilman Jason Venesky

Deanna Wise Danielle Panchik

Stephen Gilliland

Also present:

Deb Fink, Business Administrative Assistant

Absent: Natalie Cotherman, Dr. Paula Berry, Lucas Waldrop

The members of ASD Foundation convened a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in the Large Group Room of Admin to review minutes and Mr. McCullough reporting on financial statements; Planetarium discussion; Ms. Panchik reporting on Inspired Hearts & Hands; Dr. Berry reporting on Grants and Scholarships with group discussion; Mr. Venesky reporting on Do Re Mi; and group review and discussion of 2024 Golf Outing and New Business.

**Call to Order**

**Minutes**

Motion was made by Mr. McCullough/Mr. Toy to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, November 22, 2023. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote**.

**Financial Reports**

Reviewed the following reports provided by Mr. McCullough, Treasurer

* ASDF Treasurer’s Report December 31, 2023
* ASDF Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2023
* ASDF Statement of Activities month ending December 31, 2023
* ASDF EITC Reporting for June 30, 2024

Motion was made by Mr. Toy/Mr. Gilliand to approve Financial Reports as presented. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**Planetarium**

* Due to Mr. Waldrop taking an employment position outside the district, Lenape Elementary Assistant Principal, Whitney Petrosky will take over the Planetarium operations aided by Mr. Waldrop.
* Ms. Petrosky will also coordinate with district science teachers.

**Follow Up – Inspired Hearts & Hands**

* Ms. Panchik reported that in addition to the 32 Christmas food boxes and 19 Angel Tree Wish Lists filled for 8 families, the school district through our District sponsored Community Meal program provided 66 hot meals to the participating families.
* The Foundation received a very nice and thoughtful Thank You card from one of the participating families.
* Mindy Schnitgen, Founder & Executive Director of Inspired Hearts & Hands contacted Ms. Panchik inviting the Foundation to provide support to the organization monetarily and through volunteer opportunitites.
* Although Armstrong School District has many resources already in place for in need families, the Foundation has decided to support Inspired Hearts & Hands as well as explore other ways to help.
* The Foundation decided to give a $500.00 donation to Inspired Hearts & Hands. In the process of the discussion, one of our members, Deanna Wise, generously offered to sponsor the $500.00 through her family’s organization.
* Various Foundation members showed an interest in volunteering their time.
* The Foundation will brainstorm ideas on moving forward in aid to in need families.
* The Foundation discussed doing a food drive, perhaps at the golf outing.
* Dr. Kreinbucher suggested exploring ways to provide basic needs including bed linens, under clothing, coat and hat drive, washing clothes – partnering with local laundromats, store before school, and back to school shopping.
* Trying to figure out the disconnect between families in need and resources.

**Grants**

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|  | Title | Teacher | Gen/EITC | $$ | # students |
| 1 | Modeling Biotechnology | Janelle Kotyk | EITC | 500.00 | 150 |
| 2 | Making the Cut | Jamie Douglas | EITC | 2,000.00 | 200 |
| 3 | Tele-op Controls for Tetrix Robots | Patrick Mulroy | EITC | 2,000.00 | 110 |
| 5 | Cell Division and Genetics | Nicole Barton | EITC | 500.00 | 300 |
| 7 | Laboratory Electronic Balances for STEM investigations | Cynthia Lindahl | EITC | 2,000.00 | 200 |
| 8 | STEAM Learning and SEL Art Room: Quality Tools for a Quality Education Experience | Ashley Potts | EITC | 2,000.00 | 500 |
| 9 | Grilled to Perfection Project | Angela Poster | EITC | 1,000.00 | 275 |
| 4 | Stacking Up PE | Chris Hooks | Gen | 2,000.00 | 450 |
| 6 | Mastering Math with Manipulatives | Cindy Landgraf | Gen | 500.00 | 47 |

* All grants were approved including the $500 “Armstrong Votes” application from the Fall Grants, which had been previously denied.

**Scholarships**

* Dr. Berry will be stepping down from the Scholarship Committee and Mr. Gilliland will be taking over under the supervision of Dr. Berry.
* Discussion on reworking the scholarship rubric.

**Do Re Mi Program**

* Murphy’s Music plaque will be ready next meeting.
* Mr. Venesky reported on students who have been notably helped by the program and Mr. Toy suggested having the Leader Times do an article.
* Interest in school band is increasing and all instruments through the Do Re Mi Program are being utilized.

**2024 ASDF Golf Outing**

* Perhaps two tee times
* Talk to Natalie or Debbie from Nextier about 4 sleeve gifts
* Consider bag tags or hats
* Next meeting everyone bring ideas to share
* Last year’s outing was a huge success/mirror 2024 after 2023

**New Business**

* Ideas for other fundraisers: 5K Run, Kayak/Canoe Race, Galas, Buffet Style Oldies Dance, Corn Hole Tournament, Mom Prom

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Mr. Gilliland/Mr. McCullough to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.** The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m. with lunch after.

*Upcoming Meetings:*

*March 20, 2024*

*April 24, 2024*

*May 29, 2024*

*June 14, 2024 Golf Outing*