



Texas School for the  
Deaf **FOUNDATION**

**TSDF AGENDA**  
**Friday, April 21, 2017**

**TSDF Board Meeting**  
**MPR Room**

## **Minutes**

Members Present:

Olivia

Evan

Brent

Danny

Bill

Hal

Oliver

Marilyn

Mike

Jack

Keena

Staff: Carol and Cindy

Interpreters present to interpret

Call meeting to order 7:39 - Jack Busenbark

Approval of minutes – Jack

Feb 24 motion to approve by Danny

2<sup>nd</sup> by Evan

March 24 – motion by

Second by

All approved both sets of minutes

News about investments April very busy Austin Trust is working well for us. Brief summary

Last year 11.34% return we will go forward with Austin Trust thank them for actively participating in our activities. Regan Seliger asked to take Keith's position on the board she is very interested. Her grandfather was a graduate of TSD

Endowment \$ 712,000

Eck \$138,000 Based \$112,000 would like to increase \$2500 scholarship to (2) not just (1)

Quantum \$35,000

Bill makes a motion to have two scholarships for this school year Eck fund is used only for scholarships

Brent 2<sup>nd</sup> it

It passed

Emmy on budget no change really

Before we budgeted for \$5,000 for summer since there will not be summer program

So, we changed to fund initiatives for this year sent check to Claire

If we want to allow Kristie to continue and help with the IRS audit we would to vote on accepting her invoice we should do this through email.

Executive Director search going forward 4 applicants as of this date

The committee will meet to review the applications on Friday, April 28  
They will decide if they will offer interviews to any applicants at that meeting  
Then will go forward with decision on any of the applicants and interviews week of May 1.  
Hope to have a plan in place by Mid May.

#### Events

Carol updated the board on the gala event, have 25 tables full of guests .  
Please speak to and thank the sponsors, Carol will send names of sponsor representatives to the board members.  
Please come early to the event sponsors reception and mingle with the guests  
Bring guests who will spend money and raise funds for our mission.

#### TSD robotics

Robotics students from Elementary to high School presented their projects and gave presentation on their projects  
The board members were very happy to see this work by these students and their teachers.

\* after Student presentations\*\*

Hal — praises what's being done to provide job skills for today's high paying jobs. I'm involved w/ custom cars, today if you order apart from a '35 Chevy – you can't find it. But it can be made w/3D printing, so there are a lot of jobs being created in these fields.

Brent – impressed to see the progress for the students and such a great investment for us. Jobs for the future – in STEM – will give a good foundation for living a good life. I'm just so happy to see this.

Jack – I'm sure you noticed, the beauty of this, they are learning so many different skills, it's very positive.

Bill – the students learn coding, software, but it's also teamwork, socialization skills – that's huge. So, the team really feels he successes and the failures and they really have personal growth as a team. And in the future, woo will also have to work as a team as a professional.

Brent – exactly – working with a team is an opportunity for life, learning sea plea where they learn school of hard knocks.

Hal – it's important that we tell these stories to the community, can result in sponsorships, mentorships, apprentice ships, you just never know where it can lead. It's just rely important that we share these stories.

Carol add here re: Exec Dir search

Jack – we do need a CPA. Emmy is Dr, and we appreciate everything she's could do.  
Asks Bill – would you be willing to run for another term? Bill –yes.

So, we will vote next meeting, Bill will run again, and so will Emmy. Notify Jack by May 22 for any other officer positions.

Strategic Planning update (Jack) – J is out of town, but has been gathering the survey results to help guide us through next strategic plan.

Hal - Oliver has not received the survey yet, you might make sure everyone has it.

Oliver has asked JM.

Carol asks if there are others? No.

Carol asks – please take the time to answer the questions – it will take 30 minutes and you must plant to sit down and do it all at once. You can't go back to it if you leave it.

Carol – reminds everyone about Diamond Gala May 5. About 4-50 seats still open, so spread the word, invite others. We want a full house. Have 280 guest seats. Sponsorships at \$40k.

Jack wants a final list of sponsors a day or so ahead so we can be sure to thank them at the gala.

Mike also wants names of the people attending from the sponsors, to thank them personally.

Carol – asks members to please attend the sponsor reception at 5pm that night – this is where we will thank each of these sponsors personally.

Jack – recognizes Olivia from Sprint who has been a long-time sponsor too.

Jack asks if sponsor name tags will identify their company?

Carol – no but they will be identified with a blue star on their name tag to indicate they are either a sponsor or a guest of our sponsors. Maybe next year we'll consider adding the company names to name tags.

Carol - calls out live auction items and mentions a lot of nice silent auction items.

Jack – recognizes Marilyn Galloway who has decided to retire from the TSDF board after serving us for such a long time. We thank you for all your work and service to the board. IS will remain as an advisor on the advisory board.,

Oliver – asks and on the mini-grant committee?

Jack - I suspect, especially w/ Carol's departure we will need to tap into Marilyn's expertise for continuity sake.

Marilyn – I'm happy to do it.

9:15 Jack adjourns.

Next meeting May 26

Carol will be out of town from May 8 – May 20

Contact Cindy Lee with any needs during this time.