

MF Foundation & Archives Board Meeting  
March 18, 2025 at 6 p.m.  
In the MFHS/MS Library

1. Call to order/attendance
  - a. In attendance: Jason Blunck, Kelly Ritter, AD Phil Applebee, Superintendent Adam Ibbotson, Hannah Bickes, Natalie Toalson, Jill Kelm
2. Approval of February 11, 2025 Minutes (attached)
  - a. Minutes approved
3. Reports of Officers/Committees
  - a. HOF Banquet Wrap-Up - Kelly
    - i. The banquet was a success, we raised about \$3,000 more than last year
    - ii. There are some items that we may need to cover in the future that were donated in the past
    - iii. Things to think about for next year:
      1. Whole-table discounts - had some people ask about those this year but we were not able to do that at the time
      2. Need to add former inductees to the program and put bios in the order that they are presented
      3. Consider using an auction company (Give Butter was the example used) to do online auctions
      4. Need to brainstorm on advertising (beyond Facebook)
      5. Can we split the Hall of Fame Presentation and the Foundation dinner/auction?
    - iv. Good things:
      1. Liked the variety of auction items that weren't Maroa-Forsyth themed
      2. The layout of the room was great, liked the format of the presentation
    - v. Kelly is handing off leadership to Jill and Natalie
    - vi. Discussion of next year's location:
      1. Originally booked the Decatur Country Club, because there are questions about the Conference Center with their new ownership (catering, cost, etc) - problem with Country Club is the layout and it's guaranteed to cost more
      2. Cannot use Griffin's catering at the Country Club
      3. The recommendation for now is to stick with the Conference Center and see how long the Country Club will let us hold the date
    - vii. All tax letters have gone out and bills have been paid
    - viii. We need to streamline the solicitation process between all of the fundraisers our organizations do within the district
  - b. Treasurer's Report - Mike
    - i. Have not yet received the check from the Boyd/Sellers family for the alumni area - Tina is reaching out
4. Old Business
  - a. iPad purchase discussion
    - i. Can old iPads be considered excess property so we can sell them to go toward new iPads? Adam is working with the district lawyer to figure out the details. Once we have those details Tina will order the iPads
    - ii. Chad and Amy Shannon made a \$2,000 donation today, they are looking to get a matching donation through Caterpillar

5. New Business

a. Scholarship committee setup

- i. Tina emailed Brice and got approval
- ii. Tina recommended a subcommittee of the current board (3 members), 1-2 teachers, and an admin, nobody who has a senior can be on the board - meet one time to review applications and vote
  1. Teacher's role: to provide extra input outside of the application, needs to be someone who knows the most kids
  2. Recommended Members: Stacy Goodwin, Phil Applebee, Brice Stewart, Jason Blunck, Natalie Toalson, Mike Turner
- iii. Already receiving applications - review all applications individually starting mid-April, set the meeting and have everyone on the committee come prepared to vote on their choices
- iv. Jason motioned to vote for the committee members listed above, Jill seconded, all voted aye, motion passed

6. Announcements

- a. Christopher's grant - approved by email
- b. Jostes and Griffith grant request preplan for fall
  - i. Jostes - \$12,000 treadmill, asking for \$6,000, money not approved by the district
  - ii. Griffith - cooler to enable kids to use cats for multiple years - suggesting she go through the district budget process first
- c. Janet Austin sent a \$200 check with her thank you note for the banquet
- d. Two reunions are being set up for next year at the HOF banquet

7. Adjourned at 7:01pm

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2. Approval of January 2025 minutes (attached)
  - a. Minutes approved
3. Reports of officers/committees
  - a. HOF Banquet Update - Kelly
    - i. Overview of teachers/administrators who have purchased tickets
    - ii. Deadline to purchase tickets is 2/28
    - iii. NHS students can get hours by volunteering - request has gone out
    - iv. Still need to order meal for choir since they are coming straight over from another event
    - v. Went over auction items - anything that has a value of \$150 or more will be part of a live auction (less than 10)
    - vi. Next year's banquet will be at the Decatur Country Club
    - vii. Date will always be second weekend in March
    - viii. Trojan Treasure raffle tickets are going well
  - b. Treasurer's Report - Mike
    - i. Mike was not in attendance, but we have had a fantastic year in donations so far
      1. \$500 for art department at the middle school, additional funds from John Wood for a \$1,000 scholarship, Seller/Boyd family is donating \$30,000 to make the brick sign for the alumni area
4. Old Business
  - a. Brick paver/alumni area update
    - i. Brick sales will be starting soon - will advertise at the dinner
    - ii. Everything is in for the 1932 flagpole so we will get that up once the weather is better
  - b. iPads for graphic design classes (bids attached)
    - i. Two bids - we will go with a heavier duty case than what was quoted, district will be paying for the software
    - ii. District will figure out what to do with the old iPads
    - iii. Kelly proposed a vote, pending Q1 financial numbers - Jill Kelm seconded - vote passed, pending Q1 financial data
  - c. 2025 Scholarship updates
5. New Business
  - a. Went through all applications to make sure all deadlines and other information is accurate - everything is squared away, applications will start 3/1, end 4/15, Tina will be advertising soon
  - b. Scholarship Committee
    - i. Tina proposed the foundation board picking the recipients for Morgan, Kaiser, and Comfort Keeper awards (awards not tied to academic programs), and we would need to create guidelines for the process. Do we leave it with the school committee or do it ourselves?
    - ii. Kelly - if we do leave it with the school committee, we need to have someone on that committee from the board either way.

- iii. Hannah - would we have access to the other scholarship recipients? No, but each of our scholarships should go to a different person.
- iv. Adam proposed having our own committee and having a school representative to provide knowledge of the school - it's our money and we are being charged to be good stewards of that money - provides the framework for equity
- v. Jason - will this hurt our relationship with the school if we take control? Tina is not concerned.
- vi. Kelly motioned to vote to pull scholarships under our control, with a committee with a minimum of one school representative. Tina seconded. Vote passed
- vii. Need to figure out procedure from here
  - 1. Adam recommended having a couple of people from the school to have a diversity of opinion
  - 2. Tina recommended having them on as an advisory role
  - 3. We will create the framework at the next meeting
- viii. Each application is different because each family does their own. All scholarships can be viewed online.
- c. Announcements
  - i. Kelly would love as much help as possible for banquet setup
  - ii. Hannah will send out agenda to all speaking
- d. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm