

**Comstock Park Public Schools
Educational Foundation Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 8th, 2010 @ 6:00PM
Central Office Board Room**

Present: Denise Clement, Missi McPherson, Ethan Ebenstein, Nick Groulx, Alex Clayson, Julia Klein, Sharon McLellan, Bob Fidler, Janine Fidler, Jeff Hoag, Jim Gilbert, Beth Gilbert, Kim Reynolds, Debbie Benjamin, Kerry Lamoreaux, Kevin McLellan, Sue Arsulowicz (16)

1. **Welcome** – welcomed guests from LMCU and introductions.
2. **Financial Update** – Jeff gave the financial report. There is \$16,301.06 in the checking account; about \$5000 will be reinvested in a new account/CD with LMCU. There is about \$39,000 in the endowment. Overall, the foundation is in great position financially.
3. **Presentations -**
 - Bob did one of the presentations at North Kent HS and it went very well.
 - GR/ SC = 11/22 @ 3:30 p.m. (SC) ; PI = 11/15 @ 3:15 p.m. ; HS/NK = 11/8 @ 2:30 p.m. – Bob Fidler
4. **Updates on Fundraisers –**
 - Panther 5K Run –November 13th @ 9:00 a.m. (volunteers to arrive at 8 a.m. in back parking lot) at the middle school. Sponsored by United Bank. Last year we had 120 runners and expect the same this year.
 - Christmas Tree Auction/Spaghetti Dinner - November 20th (6 – 9 p.m.)
 - Total of 40 trees (that's double from last year!)
 - Updated volunteer list. We have a great group to cover set-up and during the event!
 - Vitale's is providing the spaghetti and bread sticks. Olive Garden is providing the salad. Janine Fidler is bringing her "famous spaghetti sauce" (choices: meat or marinara). Denise is providing punch and coffee.
 - Kids will be doing a "practice round" at 5:15 p.m. One group is singing Thanksgiving songs and other Christmas. HS & Middle will have art on display.
 - Screen projector will be available and will loop Ed Foundation Pics & Info.
 - Discussed advertising methods including Skyward, flyers going home to parents, various building marquees, LMCU in-branch posters, WZZM's Our Town, John Gonzales, Alpine Township Blog, Community Group, etc.
5. **25th Anniversary Gala – In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Hoag's years of service.**
 - Saturday, February 19th 2011 @ White Caps Pepsi Stadium Club. Missi is working on "save the date" cards.
 - Committee established and includes: Denise Clement, Deb Benjamin, Kim Reynolds, and Janine Fidler (food).
 - Possible cash bar/ catered food (heavy hors d' oeuvres). Committee is reviewing pricing for all possibilities.
 - Reviewing potential venues and details for the event.
 - Discussed the idea of a "Hall of Fame" (similar to Rockford Ed. Foundation) recognizing outstanding contributions to our district. Denise likes this idea and we will look into it further. Possibly in time for the gala or next year.
6. **Misc. Information**
 - Schoolhouse Article due 11/22 (or by week end) for December 15th publication. To include: thank you for Panther Fall Classic Race (info from Jim); thank you for Christmas Tree Silent Auction to businesses that did a tree & donated; and info for 25th Anniversary Gala.
 - Grant Application Deadline: December 17th, 2010
 - Upcoming meeting dates: 1/10/11, 2/7/11 & 3/14/11 @ 6:00 p.m. – Central Office Board Room