

Columbia Community Foundation  
Executive Council 02-26-08 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Ron Krisko at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Ron Krisko, Lou Price, Debra Rose, Wayne Brassell, Ed Neiger.

Members absent: Dennis Ross.

1. Update on New Members.

- a. Welcomed new board member Edward Neiger-Columbia Township Trustee.
- b. Wayne left a message with Jamie Cottom about becoming a board member of the foundation. No response as of this date from Jamie.
- c. Wayne contacted Ray Anthony. Ray told Wayne he would get back with Wayne.

2. Memorial Bricks.

- a. Ed informed us that we would not be able to put the bricks around the new Veteran's Memorial.
- b. It was decided that this was a Chamber issue and not a foundation issue.

3. Treasurer's Report.

- a. The Foundation has a balance of \$23,585.03.
- b. Joe Desmont is interested in becoming the foundation's treasurer, depending on how much time is involved.

4. Scholarship Committee Report.

- a. Wayne volunteered to be the Director of Scholarships.
- b. It was decided that letters should go out to Strongsville, Berea, Midview, Olmsted Falls, Buckeye, and the Lorain County JVS.
- c. It was also decided to send a notice of the scholarships to *The Sun News*, *Mimi Vanderhagen's Fabulous Buys*, *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*, and *The Chronicle-Telegram*.

5. Grant Committee Report.

- a. Motion was made by Wayne Brassell to contact Dr. Hagan for an open foundation director position.  
Seconded by Debra Rose.  
Vote: 4 for, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.
- b. There were two requests for funds.
  - Motion by Ron Krisko to deny both requests.  
Seconded by Dennis Ross.  
Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.
- c. It was decided to state that we are not accepting grant funds at this time due to the foundation not being actively accepting grant requests yet.

6. Fundraising and Marketing Committee Report.

- a. We will be looking at outside professional sources to help us with obtaining funds.

7. Old Business.

- a. Reviewed the mission statement and made corrections the attorney suggested.

Motion to accept corrected version made by Dennis Ross.

Seconded by Wayne.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.

Motion to amend mission statement to remove the word “aggressively” from the statement made by Debra Rose.

Seconded by Dennis Ross.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.

8. Phone Numbers.

a. Suggested that Ron call the phone company for the following numbers to see if they are available: Fund, Benefit, Life, and 2donate. If those are unavailable, then try to find a simple or easy to remember telephone number.

9. Logo Contest.

- a. Debra is still working on the logo contest.

10. Email Issues.

a. Ron brought up the lack of responses to emails sent out requesting information or decisions from board members. He requested that board members make a concentrated effort to respond because some decisions have to be made on items which do not always require a face-to-face meeting, which would help to move things more quickly.

11. Discussion of Tri-fold Brochure.

- a. A motion was made by Dennis Ross to approve the brochure with the corrections that were previously discussed.

Seconded by Debra Rose.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.

12. Code of Regulations.

- a. It was decided to contact the attorney to inquire about the bond and insurance items in the code of regulations.

- A motion was made by Dennis Ross to accept the code of regulations with corrections per the attorney.

Seconded by Debra Rose.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.

13. Interim Secretary.

- a. Motion made by Debra Rose to elect Lou Price as Interim Secretary

Seconded by Dennis.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.

14. Interim Treasurer.

- a. Motion made by Lou Price to elect Debra Rose as Interim Treasurer,  
Seconded by Wayne Brassell.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.

15. Open discussion about grant writing to obtain grant money.

a. Ed brought up that the Township was sponsoring a seminar for grant writing. They would need 10-15 people on board to secure the seminar. Cost of the seminar per person is \$125.00.

- Motion was made by Dennis Ross that the Foundation would send 2 people to the seminar, if it is activated.

Seconded by Debra Rose.

Vote: 4 For, 0-Against, 1-Abstain.

b. It was also mentioned that we could Google “Ohio Grants” and look at obtaining grants through the grant opportunities found on Google.

16. Motion by Dennis Ross to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Wayne Brassell.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.

**Minutes Approved on 04/30/08.**