

Treasure Trove Giving Circle Meeting
May 7, 2024 at 6pm

Present: Kelli, Steve, Jeff, Karla, Michelle, Nicki

Guests : Kalene, Mike Ayala, Troy

Missing: Joe, Jared, Sue

Speaker from Arcadia Foundation

- If on school board cannot be on foundation
- Superintendent is the lead
- They invest in CDs/ did not want to risk money
- Scholarships is big component of the fund; when things really took off is when they offered scholarships
 - 27K in scholarships this year; they manage all of them
 - 34 active scholarship accounts
- Policy is to bring in 70% and give out 30%
- Fund is sitting at 1 million; 43K in interest
- 600K in scholarship funds and 400K in general
- They keep every fund separate
- 1st years were tough, they did pork roast dinner before the 1st football game; they did this more for recognition, did not charge a lot; the board members served. They stopped doing this after about 15 years
- They did mailings to alumni; you don't know your success w/this until 5-10 years
- Anyone who donates over \$100 gets a thank you
- Get in the school newsletter
- Arcadia has an all school reunion every 5 years, now Ashley for Arts
- One donor really broke things work for them
- They also do a distinguished alumni who is recognized for their accomplishments
- They cherry pick the board members; no term or time limits

Comments from TTGC members

- We're missing the boat not going after alumni
- Alumni letters would go over better now that we've accomplished something
- Need to rename the foundation
- We don't have an alumni coordinator
- Jeff says he gets hit from a lot of different organizations; need to expand reach beyond the community
- Scholarships were never part of the original deal
- Troy: three easy things: start all school alumni reunion; distinguished alumni, brochure – can socialschool.edu help

Needs of school:

- Troy is able to move stuff around for field trips
- Could use help with professional development as it costs 1K to send a teacher to training

- Playground equipment – Head Start may be removing their equipment

Golf Tourney

- Discussion of whether to have or not
- There are established summer events; if we don't do one year may be hard to restart
- Scale back tourney
- Possibly be the donee for the Alliance Tourney or the Schmidtknecht one
- Kalene went over the revenue/expenses
- Jobs divvied up