



Treasure Trove Giving Circle Annual Meeting
September 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

MINUTES

Persons Present:

- **Board Members:** Kelli Krzysztan, Nick Adank, Steve Scharlau
- **School Representatives:** Jo-Ellen Fairbanks, Superintendent; Kalene Engel, School Board

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Kelli Krzysztan

Consideration of Grant Applications: A grant application was received on September 2, 2021 from Kyler Sullivan, Special Education Teacher for \$331.18 for Sensory Space Kit for K-3 special education students. The items in the kit are items that Ms. Sullivan used at her previous school and found them to be beneficial. The application was distributed to all board members with a notice of the meeting and directive to vote via e-mail if unable to attend the meeting.

Questions raised with answers are as follows:

- Can the items in the kits be re-used? Some can be used indefinitely, others will need to be replaced periodically.
- Could this request have been included in the regular school budget? Potentially yes, but the need for this would have to be balanced against other items Ms. Sullivan needs to purchase with her classroom budget funds. Additionally, Ms. Sullivan is a new teacher to C-FC and is still establishing her classroom.

Three persons voted YES via e-mail in advance of the meeting: Joe, Joy and Michelle. Steve, Kelli and Nicki voted yes at the meeting. Votes were not received from Jared, Karla or Jeff. Motion passed 6-0. Kalene will notify Winona Community Foundation. Kelli will notify board members and administration.

Other: Kelli noted that it would be helpful to have photographs of the items purchased with the grants to illustrate the purpose of the fund to potential donors. Quotes or testimonials from teachers or students could also be obtained and used. Steve mentioned that Winona Area Public Schools Foundation recently sent out its yearly newsletter, which includes similar information. The newsletter is available for download from the Newsletter tab on the Foundation website.

Next Meeting Date: A meeting will be schedule for some time in October to discuss and develop guidelines and priorities for funding, as well as funding limits (per year or per grant) as well as to create a strategy to encourage year-end giving to the Fund:
<https://www.foundationwaps.org/>.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.