

Foundation Report – June 2013

Foundation members are busy planning for the upcoming school year. The first fundraising event will be the annual golf classic on August 19th at Pinecrest. We are currently soliciting sponsorships, which start at \$100, and golfers, which are at a low cost of \$125 per person. I highly encourage golfers, whether new or advanced, to join us at this great outing.

Also in the works are a Charity Luncheon at Bacco on Sunday October 6th and a spring fundraiser yet to be determined. Another area of focus for the Foundation in terms of fundraising will be the state's Educational Improvement Tax Credit program. Although we traditionally receive money through this program, we want to increase our efforts and consequently increase our funding from this source.

This month's foundation meeting was very busy. We held elections and all officers were re-elected. Thank you to community members Dave Kratz, Dennis Harken and Jack Hoy for volunteering for these important positions. Trustees also discussed the developing North Penn Alumni Association and the Foundation's desire to work with this group. This discussion will continue as the group forms but we approved them being part of the Foundation if necessary for its establishment. Bob Schoch spoke to the Foundation asking for and receiving support of fundraising for energy-related, student programs.

Finally, trustees approved 27 grants for the 2012-2013 school year, totaling \$15,227. We were very pleased with the diversity of projects submitted for funding. As always, grants include all curriculum areas and grade levels. I will report on various projects throughout the school year.

Speaking of grants, the Foundation recently received hand-written thank you notes and a powerpoint presentation from Oak Park ESL students for whom we funded a trip to Adventure Aquarium. The letters talk of the hippos, logger head sharks, sea turtles and other sea creatures they saw in person for the first time. Each student also shared one piece of information he or she learned while on the trip. This is just one example of the many opportunities the foundation provides to our students.

If you have any questions about the Foundation you can contact Christine Liberaski at the ESC.