

**Minutes of the Monday, May 4, 2015
West Midland Family Center Board of Directors Meeting**

Board Members: S. Bowen, B. Dollard, E.J. Herst, J. Lauderbach,

A. Pankratz, A. Schmitz

Excused: G. Dauer, R. Dishaw, W. Traschen, D. Parrillo, T. Rashid

Nominee:

Advisors: T. Misner, C. Coons, B. Schmidt, B. Dostal

Staff: G. Dorrien, M. Finney, S. Love

Herst called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. with A. Pankratz reading the Mission Statement.

Herst called for Public Comments – no comments

Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2015 Board Meeting

J. Lauderbach / A. Schmitz

Motion: EJ Herst

Executive Committee – E.J. Herst, Chair

- Did not meet.

By-Laws / Nominating Sub-Committee – T. Misner, Chair

- No report.

Fundraising Sub-Committee – S. Bowen, Chair

- Did not meet, but have a couple items to report.
- Applied for and were awarded the \$300,000 matching grant from the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation for 2016, 2017 & 2018.
- Midland Area Community Foundation’s Give Local Day May 6 – WMFC applied to participate but the Foundation considers our fund a “scholarship fund” (as it only benefits COP students) and the Foundation doesn’t allow any of their “scholarship funds” to participate.

Strategic Growth Committee- Dave Parrillo, Chair

- Reviewed the timeline that has been created for the expansion.
- Questions, discussion & comments from the board.
- Each meeting the board will be advised of the progress of the timeline and have input as the plan moves along.
- Would like to ask for funds to upgrade/renovate the existing building as well, will look into having someone guide us in looking at opportunities to upgrade/renovate.

- Dostal talked to city about city water extending out to WMFC, found it was too expensive for WMFC and the township to bring the line out. Drilling in a different location on WMFC property may get us more/better water, will look at having this be a part of the expansion.

Investments – B. Dollard, Chair

- The Committee continues to be impressed with the presentation and performance that we see from Azimuth.

Accounting / Budget Committee – C. Coons, Chair

- Did not meet.
- Green worked with the auditors last week and they are just about finished. Early reports are it went well.

Dow COP Committee - B. Dollard/G. Dorrien Committee Members

- Jeff Cooper (former Dow COP student who's been accepted to medical school) addressed the UW Leadership Circle Event audience extoling the virtues of the Dow COP and it was well received by all in attendance!
- Sobolewski has started meeting with 8th grade classes to promote COP, hoping they will be interested at a younger age to participate in COP. Ninth grade is still the first year a student can join the program.
- COP graduation dinner has been moved to Northwood, this will give the students the opportunity to interact with current college students.

Activities Committee – G. Dauer, Chair

- Did not meet.

Facilities Committee – E.J. Herst, Committee Member

- Did not meet.
- We are here to help aid in the expansion project as needed.

Human Resources Committee A. Schmitz, Committee Member

- The HR collaboration with other UW agencies is coming along, we are hoping to receive grant money to help pay for the position. The group is also looking at the possibility of each agency paying a percentage to help fund the position. Feel having this person in place will be very beneficial.

Communications Committee – W. Traschen, Chair

- Greg will be reviewing the two versions of the new Thank-you cards that have been created to send to donors.

Auxiliary Committee – G. Dauer, Committee Member

- Bingo attendance has increase in the last few weeks.

Executive Director's Report - G. Dorrien

- Thank you to Bill & Beth Schmidt for the donation of the food truck for the food give-a-way last month – 130,000 lbs. of food was delivered.
- Bought a used preschool bus with funds provided through the GSRP grants, this bus does not require a CDL to drive which will help us with having a larger pool of potential drivers.
- WMFC, (like all United Way member agencies) is feeling its way along in respect to the new changes in the request process this process. Dorrien believes the biggest reason for the changes is so that UW can communicate how impactful their funds are used to facilitate positive change for individuals in need and the community at large.

Board member, advisor, and staff comments:

- Congratulations to Dorrien on being this year's recipient of the Charles J. Strosacker award. – It was a very nice ceremony & speech from Greg.
- COP students will be creating a pop can wall for a fundraiser on July 29. If you would like to donate your cans we can help arrange a pick-up service. Please help us set an unofficial world record!
- COP students came to Bowen's to do yard work and they did a wonderful job. We had lunch with the students when they were done and filled with great conversation. The Bowen's encourage everyone to consider hiring the DOW COP group for their yard projects. COP uses the funds to help pay for their various summer trips.

Motion to Adjourn S. Bowen / A. Pankratz Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm by Herst.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 14, 2015** at 7:00 pm. at the West Midland Family Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Missy Finney