

Preservation Foundation Committee of the Board
1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois 60048
Thursday, November 16, 2023, 8:30 AM
MINUTES

- 1.0 Call to Order** – Chair Leutwiller called the meeting to order at 8:34 am
- 2.0 Roll Call** – Secretary Carlucci called the roll with the following members present and/or via Zoom: Danks, Heier, Hough, Hunter, Kirby, Kovach, Kyle, Leutwiler, Rummel, Shears, Vincent, Wasik, and Young. Members absent: Bartels, McKinney, Moore, and Sahu.
- 3.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Chair Leutwiller led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 4.0 Public Comment** – None
- 5.0 Announcement and Correspondence** – None
- 6.0 Executive Director Comments** – Thank you’s to Kat and Norma. Heron Creek beautiful, Donuts and Dino’s 150 attended, our Drinks with Dino’s November with paleontology artwork and collections tour. Amazing job on grants, thank you Garnet. Continuing to pick up new donors and quite a few planned giving donors. Huge thank you to the Board, for participating in the endowment campaign. Erika encouraged the Board to introduce new people to tours and events. Open items not on the calendar, please make arrangements. The relaunch of the newsletter is picking up new donors. Public launch in May, our campaign is going to be run a bit differently. Still need help and introductions, and who in your network would be excited and engaged with this event.
- 7.0 Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Rummel, second by Hough to approve August 17, 2023, minutes. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 13, NAYS: 0
- 8.0 Report of Standing Committee** – None
- 8.1 Executive Committee Chair’s Report** – Met on November 1, the Executive Committee approved and elevated the three committee members to Board status, they have been added. 2018 Bylaws were amended to institute term limits, three 3-year terms. Would like a smooth transition, to be brought up early next year. Thank you to Betsy, Marshall Field, and Ty for their commitment to the campaign. Chris Heier led the development of a new relationship with the Divisional VP of Global Citizenship & Sustainability of Abbott and the successful solicitation of a \$100,000 gift to name east classroom at the education center Ryerson Woods. Thank you to everyone on the Board who attended events this last quarter.
- 9.0 Report of Special Committee**
- 9.1 Finance Chair’s Report** – The Finance Committee held their meeting on Tuesday, November 7. Adam Liebman and David Bruskin of Wintrust Wealth Management presented an update on the Foundation’s investment performance. PF Executive Director updated on the implementation of the committee’s direction to ensure moving money from checking to proper investment vehicle every month. The committee discussed expenditures, and the opportunity to capitalize on interest rates. And to lower the amount held in the checking account.
- 9.2 Development Chair’s Report** – The Development Committee met on Tuesday, October 31. The discussion focused on the Foundation’s work between now and the end of 2025 to secure \$20 million in endowed funds.

10.0 New Business

- 10.1** For Information Only: Presentation by Director of Education on the MOTUS Wildlife Tracking Station at Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area – Nan Buckardt presented with a brief overview.
- 10.2** Recommend approval of a \$2,500 grant to support new programming related to the Celebrating Cicadas initiative in spring 2024 Motion by Wasik to approve, second by Hough. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 13, NAYS: 0.
- 10.3** Recommend approval of a \$5,000 grant to underwrite free admission to the Dunn Museum during spring break, March 23 – 30, 2024. Motion by Rummel to approve, second by Heier. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 13, NAYS: 0.
- 10.4** Recommend approval of up to \$6,000 to expand the available Gateways Grants for Waukegan and Zion School District students. Motion by Hough to approve, second by Shears. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 13, NAYS: 0.
- 10.5** Recommend approval of a \$14,677.05 grant to purchase specialty equipment and supplies to extend the Forest Preserves Ecosystem Monitoring and Biodiversity Conservation efforts. Motion by Wasik to approve, second by Young. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 13, NAYS: 0.
- 10.6** Recommend approval of a \$10,000 grant to support the development and completion of the Chain O'Lakes Watershed Plan. Motion by Kovach to approve, second by Hough. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 13, NAYS: 0. Fox Water Way Agency, Joe Keller Executive Director, and volunteer Rob Bryson, spoke on behalf in support of the Watershed Plan.
- 10.7** Recommend a resolution approving the 2024 Board of Directors of the Preservation Foundation Motion by Rummel to approve, second by Hough. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 13, NAYS: 0.
- 10.8** Recommend a resolution approving of the 2024 Preservation Foundation Budget and Fundraising Plan. Motion by Rummel to approve, second by Young. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 13, NAYS: 0.
- 10.9** For Information Only: Fiscal Year 2023 Third Quarter Unaudited Financial Statements. – Erika Stergos presented information with a brief overview.
- 10.10** For Information Only: 2023 Proposed Calendar – Erika Stergos presented with a brief overview.

11.0 Old Business – None

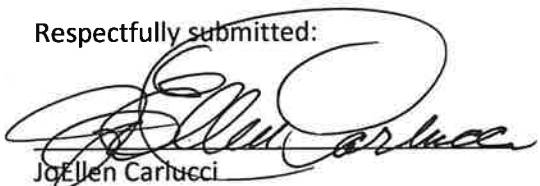
12.0 Closed Session – None

13.0 Potential Action Following Closed Session – None

14.0 Next Meeting: Thursday, ~~February 22, 2023~~, at 8:30 AM (proposed), February 15

15.0 Adjourn

Respectfully submitted:



JoEllen Carlucci
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 2/15/2024