

Meeting was called to order at 7:10PM on February 15th by President Lesley Darrin.

Board Members present – Melissa Obert, Kathy Graham, Lesley Darrin, Dana Milakovic, Emily Maliss, Ashley Harhigh and Marti Longenecker

Other Individuals present –Emily Twilley-Selvey and Andrea Allesie

Motion was made by Dana to approve the minutes, Melissa 2nd. All Approved.

There was a discussion about the Dunns # and what will need to be done to complete the process to obtain it.

There was a discussion relating to the possibility to of scheduling an emergency Board Meeting if we are approved for the secured loan for fencing.

Treasurer's Report

We didn't really have the report – in red is what Emily talked about.

\$5.00 – Savings Account
\$1,182.03 – Winnie's Way Scholarship Fund
\$3,170.86 – Running for Rescue 5K
\$5.00 – Reclaiming the Reins
\$8000.00– Farmraisers
\$1,000.05 – Property/Mortgage
\$103.00 – Checking
\$9,550.07 – Due on Business Line of Credit

We are currently waiting for the final 5K Check from Active.com and the \$1500.00 from the Giving Tuesday promo/fundraiser we had on Facebook.

The bill at the Feed Store was completely paid off; for a short period of time.

Reclaiming the Reins Update

Holding bingo at Progress Social Hall on February 23rd

RTR and PFF (Dana, Emily and Andrea) met with Milton Hershey School to talk about Camp Programs – Dana and Emily will work to complete lesson plans for equine/agricultural camp(s). There are students that remain on campus at MHS over the summer. These students could leave campus to attend daily camps.

Past Events

The Bowling event went well. Pre-selling of tickets worked well and we raised \$639.00.

Future Events

Milton Hershey Students – Lesley continues to work with Christopher scheduling the fees/restitution students for work at PFF. They will be at PFF working on Saturday, February 25th. Additionally, Milton Hershey has a program called Spartan Warriors for students. They are paid by MHS and will come onsite to do work (i.e. landscaping, pool care and housework). We need to work with MHS to see if this is a possibility and another avenue for our connection with the school.

Linglestown May Fair – May 20th at Linglestown School off Mountain Road. We need 8 volunteers for this event and we will probably take Bud, Mya. We are still in need of volunteers.

R & K sub Fundraiser is set for August 2017

Joe Corbi Pizza Fundraiser is set for delivery close to trick or treat night October 2017. Andrea is coordinating.

Grants

We could still use some help in this group. Cindy is currently the only one looking for grants. Ashlea and Renee have started helping in the writing and editing area as well as Emily and Lesley are doing the final proofing but we need additional eyes on these grants.

Outstanding grants right now are:

Natalie Furniss Grant – Horse Care – We received this grant money \$3000.00
Brennan Equine Welfare Fund – Horse Care
Ralph & Eileen Sweet Foundation – Educational
Charles Degenstein – Educational
Unwanted Horse – Vaccines was recently submitted
Walter J Miller – Education was recently submitted
Build A Bear Foundation – needs submitted
Clif Bar Family Foundation – needs submitted
PPL – Needs submitted

We currently have 6 grants outstanding.

Operations Update

We really need the fencing to be replaced.

We discussed that there are 48 people on our operations distribution and we have very little response or involvement from many of them. We need to unsubscribe and clear out those on the operations distribution who are no longer helping out.

Volunteer Trainings will begin in March – 1st Tuesday, 2nd Saturday and 4th Sunday of the month. We need to have volunteers login to When to Help and schedule their time.

Aly is working on the website Re Design. She needs before and after pictures of some of the horses if they are available. She is also working on making the landing page on the website a newsletter type feel. Emily and Lesley will be meeting with her to go over more information and details for the website.

Emily Maliss recommended a blog for the farm.

Marti needs to get meeting minutes to Aly for uploading onto the website.

Old Business

Lesley brought up a new organization that reached out to us for funding. Helpusfundme.org. Aly was going to look into this and we have it on hold for now.

Discussion about making a change to the mission statement to include children with disabilities or making it a board term statement. Lesley asked the board to think about it and do some investigating so we can discuss next meeting since this is when we can make changes to the mission statement for the year.

Emily indicated that she'd like to continue with another Save a Horse Ride a Hog Fundraiser and has had discussions with the Linglestown Legion. Discussion included possible ride start at the Legion end at Barn with a carnival type event.

Other possible fundraisers include: Virtual 5K, 10K Runs (someone (?) will reach out to US Road Running to gather information; we need to make a decision in March) and online auctions. Add to this that Emily Maliss and Emily are working on gathering the information for this to happen and will report to the board in the group chat for a decision to be made prior to the next board meeting.

New Business

Discussion was held that Melissa will be moving to Maryland for a new job opportunity in the horse industry. She will be taking Coyote (her horse) with her. At this time she has filled out an adoption application for Malcolm and would like the board to approve the adoption so Malcolm can come with her to Maryland. Adoption of Malcom by Melissa Obert was approved by Emily as the director of the foundation. The board is now required to vote on accepting the adoption and setting the adoption fee for the horse. Motion was made by Dana to approve, 2nd by Lesley. All Approved.

Adoption fee was set at \$500.00, a reduction in the normal adoption fee of \$100.00 per hand based on Melissa being a board member and financially taking care of Malcolm since the day he came to the foundation, as well as training him. The adoption fee will be paid in 3 installments to begin the month after the horses are moved to Maryland. It was also approved that Melissa shall move Malcolm with her to her home in Maryland in mid-March.

Emily will trailer Malcolm and Coyote to Maryland and will begin with monthly visits to monitor Malcolm's progress.

Melissa Obert will not be leaving the PFF Board.

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser – we continue to examine this as a possibility; however, there are some potential issues to doing it – pick up only at certain locations and we may have to drive to get the donuts.

Emily will be helping (Joyce) a women who has 2 minis she needs to rehome. The minis will not be located at PFF; our only involvement is assisting to find a suitable home.

Discussion concerning riding lessons for an individual with high functioning autism. Dana or Emily may do the lesson. Lesley will respond to the individual and get a date scheduled if they are interested.

Chewy.com – Chewy will provide a link that we can post to our webpage and when “new” orders are placed through that link PFF will receive \$20.00. Emily made a motion to approve, 2nd by Dana. All approved.

Emily brought up that she is currently in search of an assistant instructor and that some of the candidates may be coming from out of town. If you would interested in helping by providing a room for this individual until a living space can be worked out at the farm; please let her know.

Lesley Darrin adjourned the meeting at 9:14 pm