

Minutes – TDGF Committee Meeting – January 8, 2019

Present: In person: Kim Watson, Dick Gander, Jeanette Fagerskog, Suzanne Sullivan, Barbara Ramsey, Tim Pelegrine and by telephone: Marcie Argyris, Cathy Pelegrini, Jennifer Jordan.

Meeting time: 3:00pm – 5:15pm.

1. December 2018 meeting minutes approved.
2. Treasurer's Report •General Fund balance as currently reflected at TTCF is \$38,579; the Scholarship balance is \$26,000 (not including the Impact Scholarship). Note: the General Fund balance has not yet caught up with the contributions from the annual appeal. •Regarding the Annual Appeal, current gifts are \$24,100, \$2,602 below the year to date amount last year. Thus far there are 19 new donors. •Elements Mtn. Co. has contributed the final installment of their donation of a dollar per plow contract. •An anonymous donor has gifted the scholarship fund with another \$50,000 designated for a second Impact Scholarship.
3. Cathy continues to write the Thank You notes to donors. Kim will join in the writing of these notes. Cathy asked for help in making some revisions in the text of the notes, which Kim will provide.
4. Presentation and explanation of individual committee member responsibilities with discussion and agreement on the roles committee members will perform this year.
5. The schedule for the next few months' of TD News follows below. Dick made the point of getting the articles to TD weeks before they are due – in order to take advantage of the assistance TD writers and graphic experts can provide.
 - February – Featuring four 2018 Grants: Choices, FRC, Slow Food, High 5's (Jeanette, et al)
 - March – Featuring grants: KidsZone, Inst. Natural Science, SWEP (Barbara)
 - April – Featuring grants: Pyramid Trail & Land Trust (Jeanette and Jennifer)
 - May – RR Society & Annual Dinner (Barbara)
6. Over the next 4 weeks Tim will compose and submit the following topics for eBlasts: point to current month's TDNews article and a reminder for members to send in their annual donation.
7. Reviewed the revised 2019 Goals, which now include the 60/40 percent split for grants and scholarships (Impact Scholarship excluded) and omits the donor reception (2019 is not a reception year).
8. Discussion of criteria for applicant qualifications for the Impact Scholarship, including decision of a preferred 3.0 GPA, an additional essay around the prompt, "Tell us about a challenge you have encountered and how you met that challenge", an additional letter of recommendation from a teacher, and an interview of the finalists. Also discussed criteria for subsequent year funding, as well as funding a mentor for recipients of any of our scholarships.
9. Very preliminary information and some discussion surrounding a proposed TTCF scholarship-related fund to provide emergency assistance to scholars.
10. Kim will contact a local realtor who donates \$100 for each home he sells within Tahoe Donner to extend a personal thank you as well as sound him out about replicating his method with other realtors.
11. TDGF meeting day will change from 1st Tuesday of the month to the 3rd Monday in order to allow off-the-hill committee members to more conveniently participate in person. Commences with March meeting.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 3:00pm, Meadow Room. Thereafter the 3rd Monday of the month.