

Meeting 10/25/2017

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Wednesday, 25 October 2017

Connections

Weekend Planning MeetingÂ Â Â Â Â Â Oct. 25, 2017

Â Agenda

In Attendance:Â Jen Allarding, Kyle Baughn, Terry Gribble, Jim Grubbs, Joe Kleinknecht; Steve Melchior, Sandy Powell, Dave Spraw & Andee Wildenthaler

Financial Report: 2017 deposits are currently \$7841; still waiting on the Crawford County Education Foundation donation; donations are down from last year's donations which were \$14,027; expenses, at this time, totaled \$1798.24, but not all of the invoices have been received; Jim shared that the cost for the advertising trailer was \$1284, which was over the estimated \$800; Terry made a motion to approve the additional funds for the trailer from the Synergy account, Joe seconded the motion for the additional \$484 and the committee approved;

Minutes -Â Minutes were approved;

Committee Updates:

Bonfire/Pep Rally - Â the bonfire went smoothly and the help from the Pioneer Criminal Justice program was very helpful; Â

Pancake Breakfast -Â Numbers were down; the entertainment groups did perform; look to advertise more for next year;

Alumni Band -Â no report, attendance was good;

Hall of Fame Nominations -

2017Â honorees included -Â Judy Beers, Arthur Poister, Dr. Paul Kim, Mark Enright, Matt Smith, Dr. Lee Burkam & Dr. Chris Bailey; Dr. Paul KimÂ Â will come next year to receive his award;

Dinner Banquet - several committee members expressed that this year's dinner was the best ever;Â Marilyn will be resigning from the committee; members noted her dedicated years of service to the Connections Weekend efforts; Dave will still request her services for proof-reading the program copy; Sandy Powell has offered to coordinate the 2018 banquet; Jim recommended that the 2018 banquet be catered by the Pioneer Culinary Arts classes;

Fund Raising & Promotion -Â it is necessary to look for additional advertising opportunities; in past year's businesses were contacted for donations; another important contact is to past inductees; thank you notes were prepared by Dave and committee members will help distribute; we will work on new letterhead and thank you notes for 2018;

Program -Â Â Nicely prepared; Nice job Dave;

Awards -Â Dave presented the plaques to Kyle for display in the HS;
thanks to Miranda for coordinating this year's awards donated by Schillings
Graphics;

Career Day - Jen shared that the Career Day went very well; suggested
speakers for next year include:Â Tanner Guinther, a state highway
patrolman; Austin Chaplin representing law enforcement from Galion City;
Johnathin Gale & Dr. Paul Kim; also ask Dr. Chris Bailey;

New Business -Â Ash Welch (ash1welch@juno.com) will be the GAMA
representative as Rick will be stepping down as president;Â Next year's
Homecoming date isÂ October 12, 2018; there was further discussion about a
part-timeÂ Connections WeekendÂ staff member be hired to begin
in 2018 with a minimum of a \$1000 contribution offered from the Galion Alumni
Association to help support this position; Jim recommended that someone with
strong communication and technology skills be considered; the Synergy group
would arrange to pay the person in this position; members will meet to prepare
a job description; Andee will return Judy Beer's photo to Harry;

Next Meeting -Â Wednesday, January 10, 2018 @ 7:30 amÂ @ The Galion
Schools' Administrative Center;

Meeting AdjournedÂ @ 8:18 am.