

2009 1st Quarter Board Meeting

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Call to Order: 5:00 pm by Stacy Gielda

Roll Call: Present

- 1) Stacy Gielda
- 2) Gordon LeBlanc, Jr.
- 3) Rob Perelka
- 4) Kay LeBlanc
- 5) Jared Shintaku
- 6) George James
- 7) Kristi Schnautz
- 8) Dwayne Somers
- 9) Stephan Samples
- 10) Nancy Russo
- 11) Robert Cerrone
- 12) Tony Dandre
- 13) Tom and Debbie Perelka

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes from the March 10 Executive Board Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

President's Report:

2009 1st Quarter Report

- * Rob gave an overview of the last three months. He spoke about the Queen Creek Equestrian event, Parada del Sol and Go Daddy Picnic events.
- * Rob stated that we still need a title sponsor or sponsors for the June 1st Celebrity Golf Tournament. He is asking every board member to bring in a four-some and some items for the silent auction and raffle.
- * Rob reported that a \$4000.00 community grant has been given by Sam's Club to offset the cost of rental equipment for the Tillman Run event.
- * We're still looking at purchasing lap-top computers for Children First Academy. The school prefers to have Apple Macs because of the applications but will be

happy with any donation.

- * Volunteers are needed for an event at Westgate Plaza on Saturday, April 11, from 12:00 pm to 6:30 pm.
- * We need as many volunteers as possible to staff the Kids' Zone at the Tillman Run on Saturday, April 18, from 6:00 am to 10:30 am.
- * There is a need for volunteers to staff school carnivals on Friday, April 24, from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
- * On May 2, staffing is needed for some company picnics catered by Corporate Picnics and Events.
- * Also in May, there will be Project Graduation parties in Tucson and Wickenburg.
- * May 30, is the date for the pre-tournament party.
- * More information will be forth-coming about a small carnival to be held at CFA at the end of May.
- * June 1 is the date of the Fifteenth Annual EKC Spring Celebrity Classic at the Phoenician Resort.

Presentation and election of new Board of Director Candidates

- * Two candidates for election to the board were introduced. They are Tony Dandre, sponsored by Kristi Schnautz and Robert Cerrone, sponsored by Stacy Giolda. Motions were made and seconded to accept the nomination of each candidate. The votes to accept were unanimous.
- * Stacy announced that Jeff Goe has taken a new job that will limit his ability to be Vice- President. He would however like to remain on the board. Stacy asked if anyone was interested in the position or knew of anyone who might be interested. Robert Cerrone has expressed an interest and has been nominated for the position. Other nominations will be accepted electronically. Our goal is to have the position filled by April 14.

Treasurer's Report:

Jared Shintaku stated that we had a net loss the first quarter and said that he'd like to find a way to reverse that. He will try to get a grants committee put together and will send out an email, seeking interest. Jared feels that we need to do some advertising on upcoming events such as the Bowl-a-Thon, and asked if anyone had any ideas about advertising. Dwayne stated that advertising is very inexpensive right now and that we should be able to get a lot of exposure for a small amount of

money. Robert Cerrone said that Post Magazine will do a two or three page article on EKC. He also stated that he has a friend who has written grants and that she is happy to write grants for us. Dwayne agreed to head a grants committee. Nancy Russo and George James will serve on the committee.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. The motion was seconded and was passed.

Old Business:

Stacy reported that the Platinum 1K Donor Program, (in his words), "hasn't gotten its legs yet". He feels that the web site could and should be a vehicle for this project and so many others, but is not functioning properly at this time. He hopes to meet with Mike this week to make the necessary changes.

New Business:

Dwayne introduced his guest, Theresa Kirkman, and asked her to explain her program, *Kids Talk, We Listen*. Theresa feels that by partnering with a non-profit, such as EKC, there will be a greater chance to get the program into schools and to secure the grants necessary to do so. She thinks that the Education Enhancement Program that EKC has would work well with her program. Rob asked that the board look at the possibility of this partnership.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 11:30am.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm by Stacy Gielda.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kay LeBlanc
Secretary