Draft Board Meeting Minutes  
3:00 – 5:00 pm, Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Welcome & Roll Call: Susan Marshall, Tim Matlick, Kim Sia, Chad Miller, Casey McComsey, Nicole Wetzel, David Singer, Andy Franko, Arkan Haile, Alison Griffin and Dale Chu joined via Zoom. Arkan joined via phone.  
Missing: Pat Donovan

Teresa Tate, Dan Schaller, Mark Heffner, and Peter Mason participated via Zoom as staff.  
Allison Nicotera observed via Zoom.

Call to Order: Alison called the meeting to order at 3:02pm. She requested a motion to approve the agenda for today’s board meeting which was made by Dale and seconded by Tim. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Andy requested a motion to approve the minutes which was made by Alison and seconded by Susan. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Finance Committee Update: Mark presented an overview of the final FY20 year-end position. The final position ended up significantly better than initially anticipated. We will begin the audit in October.

For FY21, we are $600k ahead of plan so far, primarily due to processing member dues earlier than usual. A new award of $200k from Daniels has recently come in. The next large grant is Walton in the January/February timeline. Pete provided an overview of the new LMS system per Susan’s question.

Tim posed the question to the board if they are comfortable with reviewing the summary dashboard each month, and not dive into the details. Susan and Alison noted that they liked just reviewing the dashboard. Everyone agreed. The Finance committee is going to do spot checks monthly on some invoices and transactions moving forward.

Stakeholder Committee Update:  
David provided a summary of the priority of needs in the next board candidates. He thanked the board members for adding names to the candidate pool. The stakeholder committee will review the potential candidates to narrow down the list this Friday.

Governmental Affairs Committee Update:  
Dale shared a summary of the first committee meeting of the year. They reviewed the current state of affairs and issues from the past year that put us on defense. They also discussed wanting to move to an offensive position. Dan shared that the committee discussed the latest revenue forecast for the state. As recently of June, the hole for the state was 2.2 billion, but it may have improved since June. This may mean there is hope to avoid a mid-year recession.

Casey inquired about the status on finding Dan’s replacement. Teresa and Dan clarified that they have a revised job description and have sought out additional job posting sites to find a broader group of candidates. They hope to post within the week.

Development Committee Update:  
The committee met and welcomed Nicole to the committee. The committee had a discussion to re-calibrate on their focus. When the committee started, they had 5 major priorities, which they felt seemed too large. They decided to focus in this year on building and stewarding relationships with local and national funders with interest in Colorado charters.
The committee began to think through their current relationships with organizations where they could steward their relationships toward further funds to the League. They will continue the discussion with the full board at the board retreat. The committee asked if all board members could go to the “Pipeline” google doc and add any relationships that individuals have to the list.

Nicole shared that the committee came back to the realization that the organization is in a transition period, the committee also needs to transition and set a path and goals for the year that align with the organization.

Executive Committee Update:
The Executive Committee discussed the process for the stakeholder committee finding a candidate for the vacant seat. The committee additionally reviewed the performance goals for Dan’s performance evaluation to take place in January.

Staff Report:
Pete shared an overview of the upcoming Leadership Summit. We currently have 112 attendees, and are at the same attendance rate as last year this time. Sponsors/Exhibitors have surpassed the budget. We are now working to promote our national panel. And, we just secured the remaining 2 keynotes and will advertise this week.

We are now at 81%-member dues and continuing to work towards 90%. We have had a few prior members choose not to return, but they have tended to go back and forth on membership in the past. We have gained 9 new members that were not members last year.

Teresa shared an overview of fee-for-service commitments to date showing that we have exceeded our budget and have additional options in the pipeline. Board members inquired as to how many of the agreements were new engagements of which 3 were extensions from last year. It was also discussed what we felt contributed to the success this year, Teresa shared she felt it was attributed to the free monthly support calls that were conducted since March that allowed us to build community and credibility.

Dan shared a summary on feedback from the school Listening Tours. One of the questions that arose from a school was about: “What do schools do when CARES money runs out in December?” Dan shared he felt that another round of stimulus was likely in some form at the federal level. Dale asked for Dan’s high-level summary of overall feedback. Dan shared that enlarge, the feedback was very positive. Dan was also asked about regional differences that were noted. He mentioned that overall, he felt most regions had similar concern areas with the exception of those in DPS. DPS schools wanted to pivot on a dime, but it is harder with the larger DPS district. Autonomy was a theme with the Denver schools.

Dan provided an overview of the COVID Survey PowerPoint that he plans to provide to the joint budget committee tomorrow.

Discussion Items:
Dan shared a draft outline agenda for the October board retreat. Still to come are flushing out specific activities. The board asked what pre-work would be helpful prior to the retreat. Alison said she would encourage in-depth conversation and work sessions within our board and leadership team and not bringing in external reps for presentations.

Dan discussed the Gallagher amendment and the request for the League to provide their support. He provided some background information including that the Legislature passed a bill 79/21 last year to put the Gallagher amendment before the voters to determine if we should repeal the amendment. Dan asked the board for their opinion on whether or not to support. Board members discussed the topic, but felt they had numerous questions. After lengthy discussion, Andy suggested giving everyone more time to review the materials and collect information individually and to allow time for board members to reach out to others for feedback and then come back with a collective view. Dan also suggesting our
lobbyist come in and share more insight with the board prior to a determination. For next steps, Dan will follow up by sharing the blue book materials on this topic and setting up a conversation with our lobbyist and the board. He would like to have a decision made prior to the Leadership Summit in case we are asked externally for our viewpoint. He will schedule a special board meeting next week to discuss. Alison would request we record this special meeting in order to inform any board members after the meeting.

Dale moved to reconvene on the topic next week. Tim seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tim and David seconded. It was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting of the League board will occur on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at the board retreat.