

GOODWILL L.I.F.E. ACADEMY

3365-D Seminole Avenue
Fort Myers, Florida 33916
Board of Director Minutes

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.
4940 Bayline Drive, North Fort Myers, FL 33917

Monday, January 7, 2013
4:00 p.m.

- Call to Order Mr. McDaniel called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. and directed the meeting until Mr. McKinley arrived at 4:11 p.m.
- Present: Mr. Bernard Duffy Mr. Rick Evanchyk
Mr. Allen Humfleet Mr. Tom Feurig
Mr. Pat Mann Ms. Stacey Pianka
Mr. William McDaniel Ms. Lynn Pottorf
Mr. Mike McKinley Mr. Fred Richards
Mrs. Alice DeClemente Dr. Joe Torregrasso
- Approval of Minutes from November 5, 2012: **Mr. Mann made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Mr. Duffy seconded; all were in favor. It was unanimous; motion carried.**
- Approval of Financials September, October, and November 2012: Ms. Pianka reviewed the financials for September, October, and November in detail. She stated there will be a traditional quarterly report at the next meeting that will reflect the end of the year. She reported there was a generous donation of \$16,000 from the Price Foundation and Goodwill donated \$10,000 to carry the school through the end of the year. Ms. Pianka answered several questions to the satisfaction of the board concerning expenses. **Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the financials as presented; Mr. Humfleet seconded; all were in favor. It was unanimous; motion carried.**
- Policies and Procedures Update: Dr. Torregrasso reported on the progress of the Policies and Procedures manual. His review is complete and he is meeting with Mr. Tom Young of Neola and Ken St. James on January 14 and 15, 2012, along with Mr. McKinley to finalize the report and make any changes. He will report to the board at the next meeting.
- Public Comment: Mr. McKinley welcomed Mr. Duffy to the board. Mr. Duffy stated he was very happy to be part of the L.I.F.E. Board and looked forward to lending his support. He has been the Principal of Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda since 2000. Previously, he was the principal of Charlotte Harbor School for eight years serving students K-12 with a wide range of disabilities. Mr. McKinley also stated that in the interest of full disclosure, Mrs. Tricia Duffy is the Commissioner of District 5 in Charlotte County, FL.
- Principal Update: Ms. Pottorf updated the board on all the activities and events of the school, which is now made a part of these minutes. Ms. Pottorf stated she is very grateful for the community support referring to the donations by Goodwill, the Price Foundation, a fundraiser by Mr. McDaniel who ran a New Year's Party at the ATV Park and raised \$250, which he donated to the school; the Treasure Sale run by the students raised \$1,000 (leftover articles were donated to Goodwill). Ms. Pottorf reported the school is down four students (three aged out and one moved away) so they currently have 36 students. She further stated that having an additional bus means the students are spending less time traveling, which is helping to retain students. Regarding student recruitment, Mr. McKinley asked if L.I.F.E. Academy had any

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competition with Lee County Schools, and Ms. Pottorf said yes because of the F.T.E., but she still receives referrals (especially from the teachers). Mr. Richards stated that there are funds available for advertising and recruitment especially as we prepare to move the school to its new home. (Mr. Richards stated we will work with Marketing to develop best marketing.)

School Relocation Update: Mr. Evanchyk reported the school is the highest priority. Mr. Evanchyk stated that demo will begin on the space the first week in February and he does not anticipate any problems. He will report on the progress at the next meeting. He stated that the plans are in the architect's hands and will run on a phase-by-phase approach. The school is completely separated from the rest of the facility and no one will have access from any other part of the building. Dr. Torregrasso stated that Ms. Pottorf and he worked on plans together taking into consideration accessibility, traffic, classrooms, etc. There are seven classrooms, library/computer lab, multipurpose room, which will double also as the dining space area, kitchen, locker room, reception area, file room, and plenty of storage throughout. A copy of the floor plan is attached to the packet.

Advisory Council Representative Comments: Mrs. Edwards was unable to come to the meeting.

New Business: There is no new business.

Public Comment on any Related Topic: Mr. Richards thanked Mr. Duffy for his coming on the L.I.F.E. Board and said Goodwill is privileged to have him. He also thanked Mr. Mann and Mr. Kinsey for their dedication to the L.I.F.E. Academy and looks forward to continuing to work with each of them.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, April 1, 2013 is the next meeting.

Adjournment: Mr. McKinley declared meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.