

**GOODWILL L.I.F.E. ACADEMY**  
**Board of Directors' Minutes**

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
5100 Tice Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33905

Monday, February 2, 2015  
4:00 P.M.

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Call to Order and Opening  
Comments:

Mr. McDaniel called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Present:

Mr. Allen Humfleet  
Mr. Hugh Kinsey  
Mr. Pat Mann  
Mr. Bill McDaniel  
Mr. Michael McKinley

Mrs. Alice DeClemente  
Mr. Rick Evanchyk  
Ms. Lynn Pottorf  
Mr. Fred Richards  
Mr. Doug Stewart

Approval of Minutes  
From November 10, 2014:

**Mr. Humfleet made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Kinsey seconded; all were in favor. It was unanimous; motion carried.**

Approval of Financials:

**Mr. McDaniel made a motion to accept the financials from October 1 through December 31, 2014. Mr. Mann seconded; all were in favor. It was unanimous; motion carried.**

Principal's Update:

- Ms. Pottorf reviewed the updates since the last meeting and specifically highlighted the luncheons celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the L.I.F.E. Academy. She stated this has been an opportunity for the students to use their social skills in social settings, and the cooking lessons have been fun. The luncheons have been very successful and she encouraged members and support staff to attend.
- Ms. Pottorf announced the Graduation is Thursday, May 28, 2015. The reception will be at 6:00 p.m. and the ceremony at 7:00 p.m. at the Edgewood Academy.
- Ms. Pottorf was happy to announce they were able to purchase new furniture to replace the old furniture, which includes desks especially for those in a wheelchair thanks to funding from the North Fort Myers Rotary and the Boston Red Sox Foundation.
- Ms. Pottorf is still trying to recruit a parent representative.

L.I.F.E. Academy  
Sub-Committee for 2015:

Mr. Richards announced the formation of a sub-committee to more efficiently utilize our resources to benefit the school. He asked Messrs. McKinley, Duffy, and Humfleet to join him due to their expertise. Messrs. Humfleet and McDaniel confirmed they would be interested. The next step will be to schedule a conference call or meeting to discuss the various topics.

Recruitment Strategies 2015:

The discussion regarding recruitment began with getting the enrollment up for the school; however, Ms. Pottorf said that with an increase in enrollment comes increasing costs because of the need for more teachers, more services for the students according to their IEP, more restroom facilities, and more transportation. If we open up the school to another population of students with disabilities, we would also have to apply for another charter. The current charter is for students with intellectual disabilities. She did state that the efforts in recruitment have been very positive; they have received 75 inquiries in less than a year but many of them do not qualify. They have enrolled 22 new students since last May 2014 and most came from the Internet and Facebook. Mr. Richards submitted Recruitment Strategies on pages 31 through 34, and Ms. Pottorf's record of student inquiries is on pages 35 through 37, which is now a part of these minutes.

Fingerprinting/Governance Training Compliance: Mr. Richards reminded board members that reporting requirements have changed. Our representative in Tallahassee said it could have a negative effect on our charter if all members do not comply with the requirements. Goodwill will reimburse any costs of the fingerprinting, which must be completed in Lee County because of the school's location. The governance training is web-based and can be conveniently done online from anywhere. We encourage anyone who has not done so yet to please do so. If you have already completed the course and received your certificate, thank you. If we can be of any assistance, contact Alice at 239-995-2106 ext. 2226 or by email at [AliceDeClemente@goodwillswfl.org](mailto:AliceDeClemente@goodwillswfl.org).

Next Board Meeting: Monday, June 8th, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Mr. McKinley declared the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.