

Governors Task Force on Endowments and Philanthropy

Notes of meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2006

Present: Sharen, Barbara, Judy (Held), Jim, John (Scibek), Spence, Sid, Alberta, Dennis, Linda, Brian, Peter, Dale, Donna, Tim.

- Chair, Sue Talbot unable to attend, Sharen Peters chairing
- The group observed a moment of silence in memory of Katy Delano and Bette Bohlinger before the meeting began.

Review agenda and November Minutes

Motion made by Peter, second by John, to accept the minutes of the November meeting amended to reflect a 2:30 p.m. time of adjournment. Motion passed as amended.

Financial Report, fundraising tasks

No contributions received between date of last report and 12/31/05—balance in account \$2,219.20. At this time, Pioneer Federal Savings Bank, Spence, and Peter each made a contribution.

Plans for Governor's Conversation

Sid indicated that she did not realize that the Task Force had settled on exactly what to do and hasn't done anything about following up on dates before or after the Big Sky Philanthropy of NW Conference, or any other date. **Sid will check dates with Governor.**

Planning Committee: Sue, Sid, Steve (Browning) and Josh Turner

10 Year Report to Governor

Galen—according to the minutes **Linda Reed was to talk to Qwest** about funding the cost of the report. The report will be 8 pages without pictures, 12 pages with pictures. BC/BS is the entity that has a printing operation in Helena and may be able to fund/produce the report.

Update on Federal Legislation

Jim/John reported that a stand-alone Charitable IRA Rollover bill has been introduced in each the house (Rep Herger) and senate (Sen. Dorgan). The House Ways & Means bill did not include the IRA rollover. Stand-alone may be the best bet.

Lt. Governor John Bohlinger joined the meeting for a short period of time at approximately 10:30 a.m. He received individual condolences from members in attendance.

MT Endowment Tax Credit Update

The topic of conversation moved to the December 27 DOR ruling that a gift to a qualified endowment from which assets are used for building construction qualified for the QEC. A lively discussion followed as to the merits and demerits of the ruling especially in light of upcoming reauthorization (2007 Legislature). It was pointed out that although the ruling was a response to a request on behalf of the public universities, at least one charity had been marketing planned and other gifts for building construction as eligible for the tax credit before the ruling was requested. With the ruling, it is now brought to the attention of other charities and is likely to be marketed by many.

Sharen: what, if anything, is it the Task Force should do for the record?

Jim Soft felt it important for the Task Force to have a back up recommendation for the legislature if the DOR numbers begin to reveal that the tax credit revenue loss is becoming to onerous as a result of the overly aggressive and perhaps inappropriate use of the Deferred Payment Gift Annuity in light of the recent DOR Ruling (which was technically a well stated ruling).

Judy: The charities represented on the Task Force expect us to be watchdogs...we should probably take an advocacy position. What should that be?

John: We might want to expand our leadership role and talk with Dan Bucks. John suggested the possibility that UM and MSU Business Schools could do a cost/benefit study for the QEC. Concerns were expressed about the difficulty in trying to tie those numbers down. The suggestion was rejected.

No resolutions came out of the discussion.

Lt. Governor Bohlinger left the meeting in the middle of this discussion. Thanking the membership for their good work before he departed, reiterating he would do whatever he could to aid the Task Force with legislative issues.

Jim reminded everyone that there will be some UMIFA revisions coming, and the Task Force will need to get on board with this when it happens.

Task Force Website

Galen: Needs a conductor to tell him what should or should not be posted.

Barbara: Time for us to look at the site and decide what we need and want to do:

1. Planned Giving Context:
 - Alberta: Apologized for not following through with the task to provide language describing qualified plans and examples of planned gifts.
2. Need a Marketing Piece
3. Need to Update/upgrade testimonials

Galen and Barbara are to work out the logistics for the February 16, 2006 meeting. Between now and then **Galen will put up everything** that he has so we can view the website at the next meeting. **Sid will check on arrangements for the meeting,** which is to be held at the Department of Labor Building. **She will let Barbara and/or Galen know if the room will handle the website presentation.**

Amy is to remind membership to review the website prior to the next meeting and come prepared to discuss and work on it.

Task Force List Serve

Brian: MNA uses “Give Voice” and suggested that the task force list could be linked to the MNA site. Jim concurred. **Brian was asked to bring and demonstrate the project at the February meeting.**

Next Meeting:

February 16, 2006
DOL Conference Room (on Lockey, just east of NWPC)
10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.