

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of
Directors of the Pittsburgh Community
Benefit Fund held at Madoma Community
Centre on Monday, December 6, 1999**

Members in attendance:

Wilson Bigelow, Carmen Bowhey, Ron Brown, Leonore Foster, Jack Hamilton, Audrey Helmstaedt, Steve Hodgson, George Sutherland

Regrets:

Gerry Coady, Ulla Hoover, Chris McDonald

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.
2. Addition to the Agenda: Update from the Scholarship Sub-committee

PRESENTATIONS

1. *Library Committee*

- Committee was represented by Lenore Foster (Library Committee member), Marcel Giroux (Chair, Library Board), Harvey Rosen (Controller) and Deborah Dafoe (Librarian)
- Recap of the events leading to the building of the library and fundraising efforts made to date
- Library committee is asking the Benefit Fund to release it from its financial commitment to pay back the money it has been lent
- Library committee feels that the library is a lasting and continuing benefit to the community
- any further efforts to raise money to repay the debt will not garner any more results, they would prefer to focus fundraising efforts on projects such as the meeting room, etc.
- a total of \$11,000.00 has been raised and should be applied to debt
- Benefit Fund has been offered use of space for monthly meetings

Discussion

- questions re: costs and total fundraising done
- fundraising to date: \$11,000 this year
 - \$50,000 to complete computer needs
 - \$115,000 from City of Kingston (sale of old library) for
 - \$28,000 donation in kind from Union Gas
 - \$28,000 forgiven expenses by City Council

- request was made of the Library Committee for a summary of expenses and contributions to be presented at next PCBF meeting
 - further discussion deferred until January PCBF meeting
- Cheque presented to the Library Committee from the Benefit Fund in the amount of \$822,440.00 for outstanding debts

2. *Sheep Dog Trials*

- Represented by Amanda Milliken and Lynda Breen
 - Financial statement presented
 - Pictorial handout given
 - event very successful, 68 entries, approx. 6,000 in attendance
 - Thank you to Benefit Fund for contribution of \$15,000.00
 - Fundraising for next year's event has begun

3. *LaSalle Secondary School Field House*

- Mike Mundell spokesperson
 - Financial statement presented
 - a committee is overseeing the project with student and staff volunteers
 - hope to generate interest and revenue from the new sports fields
 - Limestone School Board has contributed to project
 - fields should be in use in September 2000

REPORTS

1. *Chairperson's Report*

- investment sub-committee progressing well, funds to mature 7 December 1999

2. *Vice-Chairperson's Report* – NIL

3. *Treasurer's Report*

- Report given as of November 30, 1999
- anticipate one more 30 day investment before turning to long term investment of \$3million
- based on earnings of 6% yearly, interest earned is approx. \$15-18 thousand per month
- at current rate the Joyceville project could be funded by the end of July

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Business Park Land Sale*

- listing will continue until the end of April
- offer from Chander Datta for \$82,000, counter offer of \$103,000, Chander stayed at \$82,000
- **Motion** moved by George, seconded by Jack that: "*No action be taken to sell the land unless an offer of \$103,000 or more is brought forward.*" - Motion carried

2. *Joyceville Project*

- the land that was proposed for purchase to facilitate the expansion of the Joyceville fields has been sold to another party, George will notify the committee of any further developments in this regard

3. *Benefit Fund Scholarship*

sub-committee (Audrey, Carmen and George) met with representatives from the Public and Separate School Systems to discuss criteria, etc.

- award to be named "The Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund Scholarship" recipient must be a resident of the former Pittsburgh Township, have demonstrated academic achievement and community involvement and be a graduating student continuing to post-secondary education

student must complete an application, submit a essay describing community involvement and include a transcript of marks

PCBF will annually distribute information to schools and publish information in Newsletter

Selection Committee for the Award will comprise of principals and/or staff from Student Services Department of local secondary schools and three members of the PCBF

Motion moved by Audrey, seconded by Leonore that: "*Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each will be awarded yearly. The number of awards will be determined by the amount of interest earned on the \$100,000.00 investment.*" - Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Annual General Meeting*

- to be held on 10 April 2000 in the cafetorium of LaSalle Secondary School
- working group will be formed at next meeting
- request that members bring suggestions for items to be included in the agenda and in the Newsletter

FLOOR

1. *Ed Cunningham*

- request that the proxy form be explained, instructions be given on how to use it; question expressed about the number of forms that should be given in each household - suggestion that Maury Breslow be invited to participate in the Scholarship process
- question expressed as to whether Sheep Dog Trials should be funded by PCBF
- remark that the library will be a focal point in the community and that perhaps a fun activity can be used to raise money

NEXT MEETING to be held on January 10, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. rather than 7:30 p.m.