

SSPO Meeting Minutes – Friday, May 8th 2015

- School Attendance/Officer Introductions
- April meeting minutes: Motion for approval, Ruthann ; 2nd, Amy Addington – all in favor
- Vote for 2015-16 SSPO Officer Slate: President, Shannon Szyperski; Vice President, Ann Francis; Treasurer, Inga Holton; Co-Secretaries, Alisa Keck, Nicole Worth; Parent Liaison Coordinator, Anna Martins; District Liaison, Nancy Crandell; At Large Officers, Tomlyn Chambers, Kate Fineski; Motion to approve officers: Tomlyn 1st, John Laux 2nd – all in favor
- District Update: Dr. Rieger – Looking at finances right now – property taxes have increased and it looks like we don't have to be on the ballot until sometime in 2016 which is good news for our community; Monday, the groundbreaking for NV stadium project will happen – Lourdes and Athletic Foundation partnership – goal is to be done August 1st
- Treasurer's Report: Ann Francis: SSPO bal. = \$2,536.38 – printed & passed out financial report
 - TOPIC: School Associated Organizations and Partners
- **Barry Shaner, President, Sylvania Athletic Foundation** – purpose is to raise funds for athletic facilities used at Sylvania Schools – every dollar we raise saves that dollar from some other budget; started in 2005/6 – Promedica was a trailblazer donor in the early years; we hit the Recession which was a tough year for us; in 2013, practice field @ NV, corner of Silica – District obtained 2 houses – NV Football players used to practice on the Baseball field, which needed work each Spring – We gained the support of the Nusbaum family and raised funds for the completion of the SV Football Stadium, 1976 – 2013 had always played at NV Stadium – important for each campus to have their own home fields. (\$1.3 million – some from District; most raised by the Foundation + Nusbaum family); we work with community partners to make these things happen; 2014 SV games played at home; collaborating with Lourdes: turf on the field for 2016 + new scoreboard, hopefully new lights; Track is part of the plans, but not this phase; share what you heard here today, as many don't realize what's happening – we are raising private funds to get these projects done; Margaritaville celebration 7/11/15 @ Centennial Terrace in collaboration with Sylvania Rec – raises the majority of our operating funds; lean budget ; 10/31/15 Sylvania Athletic Hall of Fame – held in connection with NV/SV football game; Lourdes \$1.3 million (match), so Athletic Foundation will raise \$1.3 million – Softball field vs Parking Lot because NV girls are playing at Veterans – Ralph Kreidell, working with family to raise funds
- **Claire Proctor, Trustee/Past President, Academic Excellence Foundation** – also Director of Sylvania Community Services; Nancy Crandell, Liaison for AEF, Amy Addington is our Administrative Assistant, only paid position – started 30 years ago with a bequest from school employee – separate 501(c)3 – volunteer Board structure – school staff members and volunteers make up a 16 member Board; generate grants (dispersed \$100,000 to date) for classroom programs – helped over 2,500 5th grade students attend Challenger Learning Center; provide scholarships for students/staff (Valedictorian) – award for volunteerism- Named Awards: Peg Graber Memorial Science Award (SV) – funds live on in perpetuity; 2016: Marge

Fitkin Award (education) – left most of her estate to the AEF Past Awards: Colonel Comstock (business) – Margerite Thal (music) – didn't live on without continued sponsorship; generate an alumni directory (now in 2nd edition) by Harris Publishing – AEF helps people with class reunions; Distinguished Academic Alumni Hall of Fame – 25th anniversary – next spring – over 100 honorees inducted since 1992; Honor the Teacher of the Year and Academic Hall of Fame; sponsor Academic Awards Banquets; Now raising funds to help support District's Technology initiative: Have donated 30 chromebooks/2 carts to help assist district in reaching 1:1 goal; Funding: Donations– Staff campaign (ongoing); End of the Year appeal, joint with Athletic Foundation; Sponsorships – Alumni Hall of Fame; Fundraising Efforts – Channel 13 Basketball Game – You can make a difference through donations (tax deductible) of; Time, Ideas, Financial; levels of giving: check out the web site: www.sylvaniaaef.org

- **Mike McMahon, Operations Manager, Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District** – Project Play: <http://youthreport.projectplay.us/>; formed in 1988 after 2 decade growth spurt with tons of new construction and families moving in – focus on rec. facilities for the community – joint recreation district – written into the Ohio Revised Code – City and Township intertwined, no reason to have separate rec. departments; serve the exact same boundaries as the Sylvania School District; have to have at least 2 existing govt. agencies to support your efforts; City of Sylvania, Sylvania Township & Sylvania School District – all 3 support our effort – an elected official from each is on our Board; definitely work closest with the School District day to day – primarily serving the exact same market – 2014/15 school year – 42% of K-6th Graders registered for a Sylvania Rec program – well above the average – since 2008, almost 9% decrease in the last 5 yrs in youth sport participation; Some books out now: “Until It Hurts” – “Game On” – discusses challenges and how we push our youth to be the next great professional player ; our new initiative “Project Play” – designed by Aspen Institute – education, finance, medical to better society – “Sport for All – Play for Life” –Sylvania Rec. adopting plays that are in this book – to reach out and connect with more families and keep kids healthy – one of the ways is to ask the child what he/she wants: focus groups from 8 yr. olds to really see what they are looking for @ Rec. – we are in early stages of this; ongoing campaign to create momentum and continued substance to make a difference in the community –parent Q: how do ensure you have qualified coaches? A: rely on volunteer coaches – 100 teams for baseball – background checks on all coaches – investment in the Positive Coaching Alliance – invited all coaches to attend seminar (close to 70) to train all coaches; online curriculum for volunteer coaches - \$25 fee and then they are a certified coach; Concussion education training; Adult sports: Softball, Soccer & Flag Football – currently very competitive; what we encourage telling your kids before & after a game: “I love watching you play & I love you” Q: some parent belittling – how do you handle? A: Empower the officials to remove parents for bad behavior – staff on hand @ Sylvania Rec. – we focus on positive
- **Other Business:** Thank you to Kate Fineske as outgoing President