

NDSG Foundation  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
Sunday, May 16, 2021

In Attendance: Daniel Baron, Sascha Betts (Assistant Chair), Mary Harris (Secretary), John Lockhart (Chair), David Wasserman (Treasurer)

Meeting location and start time: Zoom, 7:10 p.m. EST, May 16, 2021

**I. Meeting Opening**

**A. Meeting Chair designation**

John called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., all members being present. He asked Mary to guide the meeting since she was familiar with the agenda.

**B. Approval of March Minutes and Actions of the Secretary**

Mary requested approval of the minutes of the March 23, 2021, meeting. No corrections being noted, the minutes were approved as presented.

Daniel pointed out that the corporations may appropriately be referred to as NDSG except in dealings with the Internal Revenue Service. The EIN for NDSG is the one that was formerly associated with The School Project Foundation.

Mary reported that in accord with the bylaws,

1. All Board of Directors members have submitted signed Conflict of Interest Forms.
2. Lyn DeLorme posted on the NDSG website available items designated by the Corporate Records Policy. This information is in the "Donate" section of the website.

**II. Treasurer's Report**

**A. Account Balance**

David reported that when a few checks associated with the 2021 annual meeting have cleared, there will be \$47,450 in the account.

He said that there were 23 expenditures totaling \$9,850 associated with the Youth Fellowship Program. Daniel reported a telephone conversation with the mother of a student from Piney Wood School in Mississippi concerning his fellowship. The status of the payment to this student was not clear.

## **B. Annual Filing of I-9**

Daniel confirmed that this annual 990 filing, which may be by post card for non-profits with balances less than \$50,000, is due on May 17 this year in Indiana. In studying the records, Daniel learned that this form was not filed for 2019-2020 for the School Project Foundation. Daniel's tax adviser will file the required form(s) tomorrow, May 17, and Daniel will send the tax record to David and Mary for the NDSG files.

## **III. Report on Youth Fellowship Program funded by Vermont Community Foundation**

### **A. Completion of Report**

Sascha reported that she had worked on the report of the Youth Fellowship Program but had been unable to discuss the report with Shanti Elliott, who was very involved in the implementation. She asked to delay submission of the report to June 1 so that she could receive input from Shanti.

John asked that the report include a list of names and locations of all the students who were involved.

Sascha said that some of the youth were currently involved in organizing intergenerational home groups.

### **B. Transmission of Report**

Daniel said that he was in regular contact with Fred Bay and would discuss with him the best way for us to transmit the report. Daniel said he thought that Fred's primary interest was in the opportunities for Vermont youth afforded by the program. When Fred Bay authorized the grant, his interest was likely in providing travel funds, but NDSG has provided so much more.

## **VI. Filling of program leader position on the Board of Directors**

Mary said that the by-laws provide for one member of the Board to be a representative of the program leadership function of NDSG. The current co-chairs. Including Mary and David, who intend not to continue in this role, are leading a discussion of a group convened to develop a new program leadership structure for NDSG. This group met once on April 25 and is scheduled to meet again on May 23. At the first meeting, four small groups discussed various aspects of program leadership. The structure for being invited to the meeting seemed confusing. David said the meeting time conflicted with something that was going on in Detroit.

Daniel said he was interested in stepping down from the board in favor of the program leader. Mary said she hoped future changes to the Board could be accomplished without formal amendment to the by-laws.

John asked whether there were plans for a 2022 annual meeting preceded by an August summer planning meeting, an important feature of past years.

#### **V. Next Meeting**

No date was set for a next meeting. John said he was unlikely to be able to meet between June 20 and July 18, 2021.

We hoped program leader determination could occur before the next meeting.

#### **XI. Adjournment**

Daniel moved the meeting be adjourned. Without opposition, the meeting ended at 7:51 p.m. Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Harris,  
Secretary