

South Dakota Dental Foundation

Friday, May 13, 2022 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn – Salon D
Rapid City, South Dakota

Dr. Melissa Gibson, Chair, called the membership meeting of the South Dakota Dental Foundation to order at 2:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. Melissa Gibson, Chairman
Dr. Jon Schaack, Vice Chair
Mr. Scott Jones, Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. Ken Asheim
Dr. Monty Bechtold
Ms. Connie Halverson
Dr. Bryan Johnson
Dr. D’Jonna Sewell
Dr. Grant Titze
Dr. Andy Wiswall
Mr. Paul Knecht, Executive Director
Mrs. Melissa Afdahl, Event Manager

ABSENT: Ms. Jessi Horsley
Dr. Jaclyn Schuler
Mr. Bob Riter
Dr. Roger Wilson
Dr. Mark Bierschbach
Mrs. Brenda Goeden, Program Manager

GUESTS: Dr. Orin Ellwein

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Motion to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2021 membership meeting (Johnson/Sewell). Motion carried.

2022 Financial Reports: The Board reviewed the operating account balance and fund balances, presented by Mr. Knecht.

Ken Asheim asked if we had sent written thank you note to the people who contributed funds for the student scholarship funds. We had not, so Dr. Sewell volunteered to make sure cards are sent.

PROGRAM REPORTS

- Sunshyne Smiles Program: There are currently 56 active patients and that 246 patients have completed since 2005.
- Donated Dental Services Program: There are currently 67 active patients and 264 applicants on the waiting list. 2,262 patients have been treated since inception; and over \$8.1 million has been donated by dentists since inception.

- Emergency Department Referral Program: 44 patients were referred in 2022 and 48 patients were referred in 2020. The majority of the referrals came from Avera St. Lukes and Avera Queen of Peace. The SDDA phone system now has texting capability and will allow us another way to reach patients.
- One Smile Program: There were nine patients in 2019, 25 patients in 2020, 20 patients in 2021 and four patients so far in 2022. The Sioux Empire United Way has committed \$13,000 for both 2021 and 2022 to help families from the Sioux Falls area.
- Sioux Empire Smiles: The 2022 event will be held on October 8.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Mr. Knecht reported that there were seven named scholarships. Five created in 2020 and two in 2021.

GRANT REPORT

Three applications were received by the April 1 deadline.

OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBER INPUT

Dr. Orin Ellwein stated the importance continuing to promote participation in the *Give. Smile. Repeat.* Campaign.

Dr. Grant Titze asked what could be done to encourage more dentists to consider starting a practice in the rural areas of the state. The Board discussed the State's Recruitment Assistance Program and what might be done to increase the number of slots available to dentists. In addition to informing students about the program, prospective seller should also be notified about the program.

ELECTIONS

- Election of Directors: Mr. Asheim reported that with the exception on Dr. Roger Wilson, all Board members whose terms expire in 2022 renewed their term on the board for another two years. Returning members include: Ken Asheim, Monty Bechtold, Connie Halverson, Jaclyn Schuler; Mark Bierschbach; Melissa Gibson and Andrew Wiswall. The Nominating Committee recommends Dr. Jason Aanenson as a new Board member replacement for Dr. Wilson. Recommendation accepted by the Board. Motion (Schaack/Bechtold) accept these directors for a two-year term. Motion carried.
- Election of Officers: Motion (Titze/Sewell) to approve Ken Asheim as Vice Chair and Mr. Jones as Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

- Dr. Gibson reported her committee appointments. Motion (Bechtold/Wiswall) to approve Dr. Gibson's appointments. Motion carried.

Membership meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Dr. Melissa Gibson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Motion (Jones/Schaack) to accept the minutes of the October 21, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Review of Fundraising Events:
 - Golf Tournament: Dr. Schaack reported that there were 43 golfers. Next year the tournament will start at Noon. Members of the Board of Trustees should be sent off first in order to get them to the Board of Trustees meeting on time. The price of the registration could stand to be increased.
 - Best for Last Raffle: The Board agreed to continue this fundraiser. Most ticket sales were done in advance with a dozen or so sold on sight. This was the first time the pot was not split!
 - Social Event Raffle: Another great event. Now called the Box Raffle Jan Bierschbach will likely chair this raffle again in 2023.
- Dental Student Scholarships: There are now a total of seven endowed scholarship funds. Scholarship criteria have been developed and all South Dakota students in dental school have been notified about the scholarships. Five of the funds are available for the distribution of scholarships this year. The committee is currently reviewing the four applications that were received for this year. It was recommended that we take \$4,000 from each of the five available funds in order to provide \$5,000 to each of the scholarship recipients. The Board agreed by consensus.
- Wellbeing Program: Mary Wolf, from Veritee Healthcare Consulting, reported on the first year of the wellbeing program and delivered a verbal proposal for year two. Funding for year two will be discussed when the Board reviews the grant recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

- Financial Review: Moved (Asheim/Sewell) that the Foundation retain CLA to conduct a review of the Foundations 2021 financial statements. Motion carried. The review will be conducted this summer.
- One Smile: By consensus the Board agreed that we should limit the number of One Smile – sponsored cases to three per participating dentist per year.
- Strategic Planning: The Board is in favor of creating a strategic plan for the Foundation. The Board will meet in person on Thursday, September 22 to conduct a planning session. Board members respond to survey questions and review planning materials throughout the summer.
- Account Signers: Moved (Bechtold/Sewell) to have Melissa Afdahl and Tia Hertel as authorized signers on the South Dakota Dental Foundation Account and that Brenda Goeden be removed. Motion carried.

REPORTS

- Gift Disbursement Committee Report: Three grant applications were received by the April deadline. The Board agreed to fund the applications for Journey of Hope for \$1,000; Youth and Family Services for \$5,000 and the SDDA Wellbeing program for \$9,000. Additionally, the following scholarships will be supported:

- Western Dakota Tech Scholarship, two at \$1,000/ea.
- Lake Area Tech Scholarship, two at \$1,000/ea.
- Southeast Tech, two at \$1,000/ea.
- USD Dental Hygiene Scholarship, two at \$3,000/ea.

Mr. Knecht reminded the Board that Delta Dental will contribute \$4,750 to recognize Delta participating dentists on their years of being enrolled with Delta, to be used toward these scholarships.

Mr. Asheim recommended that hygiene student, Janae Kolden, be the recipient of this scholarship. Motion (Sewell/Schuler) to approve Tobie Welch to receive the scholarship. Motion carried.

- Foundation Award: The Board agreed the Foundation should select its award recipient during the September Board meeting, with the award to be giving at the SDDA Awards Luncheon the following spring.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- The Board agreed that the fall meeting will be held on September 22, 2022 in Pierre.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Knecht
Executive Director