

Caledonia Education Foundation Meeting Minutes

10.27.25

Members In Attendance:

Jim Crawley- President
Laura Witvoet- Vice President
Jessica Webster-Huizen- Treasurer
Crystal Hurst- Secretary
Mallory Walsh- Executive Director
Denise Blunk- Operations Director

Board Members: Cara F. Katie D., Crystal S., Marcia C.

Guest: Rachael F., Nick T.

Welcome- 6:02pm Opening - Jim C..

District Report - Dirk Weeldreyer & Sara DeVries

- Budget Updates
 - The stadium opened with continued things to finish up.
 - Currently opening bids on Cal Plex 2023 Bond & Entrance & Cafeteria in DLMS (spring 2026- fall 2026)
 - Scotland yard bids.
- State Budget
 - Included in foundation allowance (\$442 for new people but then MPSERS for retirement that erases the funds to even out) realistically \$142 per kid
 - Free breakfast and lunch
 - School Fund K-12 is more consistently funded since 2009 they started to move funds for Community Colleges taken from the School fund K-12. 400 million were pushed into universities and taken from K12. ½ of the cost of University and all community colleges are being added into the K-12 fund. About 6% is allocated to community colleges and universities.
 - Gas tax shift. Money to fix roads paid with borrowed money similar to bonding. Increase State Gas Tax to offset the long range funds. Sales tax (schools get money from roughly 73% or 680 million) State tax schools don't. NOW when they eliminated the sales taxes schools are now losing the 73% it used to receive. Roads being funded by Fuel tax and New Marijuana takes. General fund giving up 600 million losing 80 million and the guarantee.

Secretary Report -Crystal H.

- Motion to approve minutes Crystal H., 2nd Crystal S.. All in favor.

Treasure Report- Jessica W.

- [Working Budget](#) available in the CEF Google shared drive.
- Total Restrictive is in line with previous years
- Unrestricted added \$15,000 for a day off. (total just under 70K) profit
- Expenses
 - Essential fund bumped up to \$7,000 for expenses
 - Expenses Calapalooza \$13,000 potential expenses

- General fund (general donations ex. United Way) will reflect on the Working Budget as a match with what last year was.
- Motion to approve Laura W. 2nd Marcia C. All approved

Strategic Plan Report- Mallory - [CLICK HERE](#)

- Impact Report highlights
 - Sustainable grants
 - Given 31 scholarships
 - 107 community partners
 - Essential funds 5,000
 - Involvement 5,167

Committee Reports-

- John - Alumni list is looking great and had good turn out
 - Great attendance, conversed and received emails. Eldest in attendance was 2024 honored alumni Keiser, 99 years old.
- Events- Rachael
 - CALAPALOOZA 2025 - Rachael
 - 64k with a 70K goal
 - Final map provided
 - Board members introduce yourself to sponsors on day of event
 - Sponsored games we will have signage
 - Golf Cart hit goal to pay for the cart
 - 13,000 Cal 100 club
 - T-shirts are printed and available to purchase at Calapalooza
 - Artist will be interviewed
 - Board Retreat Agenda discussed with committee chairs and roles and annual calendar. Will be emailed out for feedback.
- Committee Reports
 - Alumni- Marcia
 - Presence at Calapalooza. Brainstorming events and ideas.
 - Events
 - Calapalooza- Rachael
 - Most organized and best run Calapalooza in 5 years financially and organizationally. Recap Video. Committee meeting Wed 10.29 to discuss events and surveys.
 - Women, Wine, & Wisdom update- Laura & Mallory
 - New Logo on all glasses and materials.
 - Same venue, time, but changing flow.
 - Key Note Speaker: Jenna Arcidiacono- Amore Tutora & NP Food Hugs.
 - Additional committee members: Pam Andrulus, Jen B, Christy Moorehouse
 - Donation request for 2 bottles from every board member at the November Meeting.
 - Finance- looking for additional law backgrounds

- Grants- Cara F
 - Regulation Room Development From Kim Pyper CHS \$491. Motion to Approve Crystal H. 2nd Cara F. All approved.
 - 4th grade Safety supplies from Keith Thompson \$500 approved last meeting.
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- Marketing- Crystal S.
 - Had a meeting to talk about the social meeting presence and website adding testimonials, cohesiveness, and redevelop the giving page and website to review at the board retreat meeting.
 - Adding donate button on every page
 - Mallory primary, Crystal S. secondary

New/Current/Old Business: Denise & Mallory

- CEF Board Orientation/ Reference Binder renewal project
 - Chapter 3: Organization Chart, Contact List, Committee Descriptions
 - Chapter 4: Strategic Plan, Impact Report, Calendar, Upcoming Meetings
 - Chapter 5: Committee Supporting Documents (need board help to discuss committees to include reference guide to roles, responsibilities and goals.
- Upcoming Events:
 - CEF's Night of Impact, Wed, Nov. 12th 2025. Mallory via Facebook live. 7:30 golf cart raffle but will also discuss donations and events with previous donors.
 - The golf cart did not make as much profit as expected but will revamp the process to get more raffle tickets in a different way next year.
 - 2026 Board Retreat, Sat. Jan 10th 8am-12pm
 - All 2026 Meeting Dates link provided.

7:00pm Meeting Adjourn

Next Meeting: Mon November 17th 2025