

Manufacturer's Round Table

September 11, 2019

DSU Heritage Foundation

Meeting Record

Present: Keith Harris, DPS; Tom Mitzel, DSU; Mary Urlacher, Job Service North Dakota; Steve Glasser, Trinity; Ty Orton, DSU H.F.; Ron Rhoades, Consolidated; Rhonda Fitterer, Consolidated; Debora Dragseth, DSU; Rich Wardner, State Senator; Mary Massad, SWA; Seth Moerkerke, DSU Heritage Foundation; Dave Huizenga, TrainND Southwest; Sarah Trustem, DPS; Ryan Jilek, Stark Development Corporation and Danita Tysver, Stark Development Corporation.

Business – Go – Round:

Debora Dragseth, DSU – Assisting students to find scholarships. Students receive a code that is good for six months that they can utilize to access scholarship opportunities on a website called Scholly.

Rich Wardner, State Senator – Working on how to appropriate the legacy earnings. Will be having hearings around the State. Also working on CTE facility funding, communities will have to come up with a local match.

Mary Massad, SWA – The session added a commissioner from southwest North Dakota on the State Water Commission. They now have eight commissioners. Received \$25.5 million this biennium. Adding tanks at Davis Buttes and Belfield. Upgrading pump stations in Dodge and Richardton. Will be working on strategic planning at Board Retreat. Have about 700 people on waiting list. The State Water Commission has developed three committees. The 20th Annual Make a Splash water festival is September 12th at the West River Community Center. (see attached handout)

Seth Moerkerke, DSU Heritage Foundation – He is an Annual Giving Coordinator at the Foundation. Writes articles for The Heritage for alumni & friends magazine.

Dave Huizenga, TrainND Southwest – TrainND contract manager for this region. Can put together training programs for your company. Working on putting the welding trailer at DSU. DSU and BSC are working together for more training options.

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Sarah Trustem, DPS – The school district had a tough day yesterday with the bond failing. Working harder to figure out what the community will support.

Keith Harris, DPS – Learn more during each bond referendum. Will take things learned and use them for the next referendum. We can all agree the need is there. Will be working with the public and focusing on the need.

Ron Rhoades, Consolidated – Working towards showing more live events such as sports and public forums. Expanding into commercial videos. Purchased a drone and have a certified and insured drone pilot on staff. Currently working with Park & Rec on videos. Will also create training videos. Contact Consolidated if you have more questions.

Mary Urlacher, Job Service ND – Job Service is now on Facebook. Post three featured jobs a day. Have over 500 likes. The region has 791 job openings. North Dakota has 13,711 job openings. Openings are in a variety of industries. Training opportunities are available through job service. (see attached handout)

Tom Mitzel, DSU – First day of school enrollment was up over last year. Formal enrollment numbers will be out in the next couple weeks. Working on budget cuts. Have implemented 8 programs that fall under the Dual Mission model. Continue to work on the welding program, waiting on the MOU. The Theodore Roosevelt Symposium and Harvest Festival are this week. Construction has started on the Centennial Plaza. Thank you to Stark Development Corporation for the grant to assist in the plaza. The practice arena near the ag building is almost complete which is phase 1. There will be 3 phases, building structures for the animals will be in the next phase. Funds were raised to renovate the weight room, renovations have begun. There will be a grand opening for the arena and weight room.

Steve Glasser, Trinity – Six years with no reported acts of violence. 95% of students are involved in an extracurricular activity, 80% are in more than one activity. Preschool all day is 12 months but only has curriculum for 9 months. Plan to add an additional preschool next year. Will end up with space issues in the future. The Fall Gala will be October 12th. Thanks for all the support.

Ty Orton, DSU – Supply scholarships to DSU students. Will be going on their fourth year. Endowments continue to grow. Working on fundraising for the State match program.

Ryan Jilek, Stark Development Corporation – Hosting the EDND Fall Conference in Dickinson October 21-23rd. Working on rebranding and getting the word out about what Stark Development does. Ujal Ibrahim has been hired as the SBDC Business Advisor. Ujal will be speaking at the next Start-up Your Day on September 12th. Working on a workforce recruitment effort.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 2:30 PM, Southwest Water Authority.