FKF meeting assets for the foundation end-of-year discussion

Meeting summary

Members in attendance: Steve Edwards, Jerry Woodard, Laurie McKendall, Shirley Addison, Mike Rideau, Charles Woods, Truman Thomas, and Thomas Sweeney

Quick recap

The foundation meeting focused on officer elections and financial updates, including discussions about supporting various educational initiatives and recognizing individuals for their contributions to golf. The group explored sponsorship opportunities for a HBCU women's golf tournament but ultimately decided to recognize Gladys Lee as an honorary member instead of pursuing the sponsorship. The conversation ended with decisions on distributing funds to Paul Quinn College, awarding scholarships to deserving students, and ensuring compliance with 501c3 requirements for financial support.

Next steps

- Steve Edwards: Contact Miss Kelso at Paul Quinn College to schedule strategic planning meeting for foundation in early January
- Michael Rideau: Update financial report to change "clinic" to "Grant " to reflect restrictive grant money
- Steve Edwards: Get confirmation from Micaiah's father this weekend about whether she can attend the banquet
- Truman: Try to contact Lauren Radford again to confirm her attendance at the banquet
- Thomas Sweeney: Talk to Lauren's father tomorrow to find out her future plans and confirm grad school attendance
- Thomas Sweeney: Get written confirmation from Lauren Radford that she is attending grad school and what her major will be
- Foundation: Schedule another meeting in December to vote on remaining funding decisions before year-end
- Darnell Reese and Stacy Baker: Handle the $2,500 Anthony Baker scholarship presentation to Micaiah at the banquet
- Foundation: Distribute $4,000 to Paul Quinn College for two students

- Foundation: Award $1,000 to Lauren Radford contingent on written confirmation of grad school attendance for sports journalism

Summary

Foundation Officer Elections and Updates

The foundation meeting focused on officer elections, with Steve Edwards elected as chairman, Eddie Gassaway as vice chairman, Michael Rideau as treasurer, and Perry Mitchell as past chairman. The financial update showed approximately $12,000 available for distribution, with $4,000 requested for two Paul Quinn College students. The group discussed supporting Dunbar High School and recognizing Gladys Lee, though they learned Gladys Lee's organization is not a 501c3, preventing direct financial support from the Foster Kids Foundation.

HBCU Golf Tournament Sponsorship Discussion

The group discussed a potential sponsorship opportunity for a HBCU women's golf tournament in Katy, Texas, which would cost $1,500 and include a quarter-page program ad and hole signage. However, Gladys Lee, who was initially considered for recognition through this sponsorship, expressed a preference for the organization to independently host the tournament rather than just sponsoring it. The group determined they could not take on the full responsibility of hosting the tournament due to logistical challenges and costs associated with transporting players to the event.

Gladys Lee Honorary Membership Recognition

The group discussed recognizing Gladys Lee as an honorary member of the Pro-Duffer organization instead of the proposed $1,500 sponsorship, which she was hesitant to pay. They agreed to present her with a plaque at the banquet and consider having her oversee strategic programs in the future. Shirley suggested adding a sign for Gladys Lee on a hole during the upcoming tournament, which the group supported. Jerry mentioned that two players would be paired with two college women during the event.

Tournament Sponsorship and Financial Planning

Jerry discussed a tournament sponsorship and suggested voting on it in December, with Thomas agreeing and mentioning the tournament's timing. Jerry recommended that both presidents or designated representatives attend, noting associated costs. Jerry and Steve debated the financial feasibility of supporting the tournament, with Jerry suggesting setting aside funds now. Jerry explained that the current meeting was for information purposes, as the president was unavailable due to work commitments. Jerry also mentioned progress on supporting the Charlie Sifford

Foundation, with an ask of $72,000 across 14 chapters, and noted a $2,500 scholarship contribution from Stacy Baker.

Golf Initiative Fund Distribution Plan

The group discussed distributing $12,000 among various golf-related initiatives, with $4,000 going to Paul Quinn College and $1,500 allocated for a remote golf tournament. They agreed to award $1,000 to Lauren Radford, pending confirmation of her attendance at the banquet, and considered presenting Micaiah with an additional $2,500 award. The total distribution amount was confirmed at $6,500, with First Tee being identified as a required recipient. The conversation ended with a request for votes on distributing funds to Paul Quinn College and Lauren Radford.

Paul Quinn College Funding Allocation

The meeting focused on a motion to allocate $4,000 to Paul Quinn College, which passed with seven votes in favor and one against. The discussion highlighted the importance of supporting Paul Quinn College due to its historical significance and potential to attract donor support. Additionally, the group briefly discussed a $1,000 scholarship for Micaiah, which will be handled by Darnell Reese and Stacy Baker, and a potential $1,000 award for Lauren Radford if she attends the banquet.

Student Scholarships and Donations Approved

The foundation discussed awarding $1,000 to Lauren Radford, pending confirmation that she will attend graduate school in sports journalism or a related field. Thomas agreed to obtain written confirmation from Lauren about her plans, as the foundation needs to ensure the integrity of its 501c3 status while supporting deserving students. The group also approved a $4,000 donation to Paul Queen College, with Steve noting he would communicate about setting up a strategic meeting.

Thomas Sweeney
Secretary/Parliamentarian