

## **Minutes of the Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting February 29, 2020**

Present: Jan Krantz (Chair), Ray Pratt (Vice Chair), Cathy Reynolds (Treasurer), Nikki Pfeiffer, Melody Squier, Rainbow Squier, Patti Macaluso, Helen Mango (Secretary), interested citizens of the Town of Tinmouth.

Jan called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

Jan gave a brief background to the Tinmouth Community Fund, beginning with the building of the Community Center and the use of leftover donated funds to begin the TCF. A fund was created with the Vermont Community Fund, which is split between an endowed fund (5% of this is drawn down each year) and a reserve fund (a smaller amount set aside for projects that require greater one-time funding; e.g. ceiling tiles for the Community Center). There are three programs: Community grants, K-12 camp scholarships, and continuing education scholarships.

Jan briefly discussed this year's proposals for community grants – there were many applicants, and the board had to look hard at the proposals to keep within use of 5% of the endowed fund. This year there is one small-business start-up grant begun as a pilot program. She thanked all donors to the fund.

Cathy gave a report on the fund's finances: 2019 was a great year for the stock market. (2020 has not started so well.) The endowed fund gained \$72,000. The TCF has \$133,691 (endowed fund) + \$53,540 (reserve fund). The scholarship fund contains \$210,631; donations totaled \$52,297.

Total of all funds: \$405,067.

Total grants: \$18,406.

The minutes of last year's annual meeting were approved by voice vote. One typographical error was corrected.

Ray gave a summary of the 2019 awards (16 awarded): \$5276 was awarded, and \$4962 was disbursed.

Jan announced the deadlines for submissions of grants: January 31 for community grants, April 15 for camp scholarships, and May 1 for continuing education.

Helen handed out the awards for 2020 (\$500 each unless otherwise noted):

- Tinmouth Contra Dance
- Ping Pong at the Community Center (\$150)
- Tinmouth Pickleball League (\$150)
- Tinmouth Mountain School – Butterfly garden
- Tinmouth Mountain School – Climbing wall
- Old Firehouse Concert Committee
- Tinmouth Green-Up Day (\$340)
- Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department (Community Center supplies) (\$450)
- Tinmouth Library
- Aeos Equus
- Advertising (signboard/sandbags) (\$280)
- Advertising (signs, announcements) (\$380)
- Stop the Bleed

- Tinmouth Blooms 1 (\$400)
- Tinmouth Blooms 2 (\$400)
- Tinmouth Milfoil Project
- Tinmouth Elves
- Tinmouth Pond Milfoil
- Tales of Tinmouth

Alan Held gave a brief overview of the newly-named Green Mountain Pickleball League. He thanked Cathy for putting down the permanent lines on the floor. The league was continued when Alan was ill, and he appreciates those who kept the league going in his absence. He thanks the TCF for the grant. (Cathy noted that the Community Center board took care of putting down the lines.)

Cathy asked for volunteers to serve on the Continuing Education scholarship committee to read and decide on applications to the fund. There is now a rubric for scoring the applications. She clarified that the scholarships are not just for college; any form of continuing education, and part-time education, qualifies. The committee will meet in May. Cathy requested volunteers; Jan, Ruth Drachman, Nelson Jaquay, Bob Lloyd and Doug Fontein all agreed to continue. Other volunteers can contact Cathy by email.

Melody reported from the K-12 camp scholarship committee: There were nine scholarships given out to four families. These scholarships cover all sorts of summer camps (e.g. conservation, writing, theater, soccer, music). \$1780 was awarded in 2019. The amount available is being increased to accommodate the increasing number of applications.

The terms of Asha Carroll-McCullough, Ray and Patti are all expiring. Ray and Patti are both stepping down; Jan thanked them for their years of service. Rainbow has to step down from the TCF. She nominated Todd Dennis, seconded by Melody. Ray nominated Casey Voigtlaender, seconded by Cathy. Jan nominated Lisa Patry, seconded by Helen. Asha was nominated by Jan, seconded by Cathy. Doug moved nominations be closed, seconded by Cathy. Nominees were elected by voice vote.

Cathy discussed the Scholarship Fund capital campaign. The fund currently contains \$210,000. This generates about \$10,000 each year; the TCF has been awarding \$11,000-12,000 per year. A capital campaign to raise \$100,000 has begun, at first as a "silent" campaign (with individual potential donors approached by TCF members). There have been a number of donations to the campaign, including several large ones, bringing donations to date to \$69,000. The Plant Sale brings in about \$4500 each year, but the Plant Sale people are getting older and cannot promise the Plant Sale will continue forever.

Jan thanked Nikki for making the posters and handouts that illustrate the progress and successes of the continuing education scholarship program and recipients.

Amy Martone discussed the Stop the Bleed grant. She is a registered nurse. She described the Stop the Bleed kit that the grant will purchase for the Community Center. In May, Stop the Bleed training will be brought to the Community Center for anyone interested in learning how to use the kit.

Jan announced that the TCF board, including new board members will meet briefly. Jan adjourned the annual floor meeting at 12:20 p.m.

The board met briefly to nominate board positions: Cathy nominated Jan to continue as board chair, Melody to become the new board vice-chair, and Helen to continue as Secretary. Jan nominated Cathy to continue as board treasurer. Jan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Mango