

# South Dakota Dental Foundation

Friday, May 17, 2024 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
Sioux Falls Convention Center – Meeting Room 7  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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

PRESENT: Mr. Ken Asheim, Chair  
Mr. Scott Jones, Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Melissa Gibson  
Dr. Monty Bechtold  
Dr. Jason Aanenson  
Ms. Connie Halverson  
Dr. Jay Crossland  
Dr. Bryan Johnson  
Dr. D’Jonna Sewell  
  
Dr. Mark Bierschbach  
Mr. Paul Knecht, Executive Director  
Mrs. Tia Hertel, Membership Director  
Mrs. Amy Petersen-Kolb, Program Coordinator

ABSENT: Ms. Jessi Horsely  
Mr. Bob Riter  
Dr. Jaclyn Schuler  
Dr. Andy Wiswall

GUESTS: Dr. Mel Thaler

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Motion (Crossland/Aanenson) to adopt the minutes of the May 19, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the account balances at year end 2023. Total endowment funds of \$1,857,707. Total scholarship funds of \$1,067,013. Total operating fund balance of \$71,552 and relief fund balance of \$41,810.

## PROGRAM REPORTS

Amy Petersen-Kolb reported on the Foundation’s charitable programs: Sunshyne Smiles Program; Donated Dental Services Program; Emergency Department Referral Program; One Smile Program. The details of the report are attached to the minutes.

## SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Mr. Knecht reported that there are now ten named scholarships for dental school students. Five created in 2020, two in 2021, two in 2022 and one in 2023. There were six applications this year. All will be awarded a

scholarship. In the three years we have awarded scholarships six have gone to students at Nebraska, six to students at Creighton, and two to students at Iowa. Three recipients have graduated. They are practicing in the communities of Huron, Watertown, and Freeman. The Board agreed that we should add a question to the application regarding the applicants' intentions to become engaged with the SDDA or Foundation upon returning to South Dakota.

### **OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBER INPUT**

Dr. Mel Thaler stated that he is interested in learning about the Foundation's current activities. Paul shared that Dr. Thaler and his wife Loo have transferred the ownership of a \$1 million life insurance policy to the Foundation and have established a fund from which the premiums will be paid.

### **TERM OF OFFICE**

The Board briefly discussed when the terms of directors and officers begin and agree that the terms of each should begin at the conclusion of the Board meeting held during the SDDA Annual Meeting.

### **ELECTIONS**

- Election of Directors: Mr. Asheim, in his role as Nominating Committee Chair, reported that Connie Halverson and Dr. Jon Schaack are leaving the Board Nominating Committee recommends Drs. Thane Crump and Nathan VanLaecken as new Board members. Motion (Asheim, on behalf of the committee) to accept the nominations of Drs. Thane Crump and Nathan VanLaecken as directors for a two-year term. Motion carried.
- Election of Officers: Motion (Johnson/Bechtold) to approve Mr. Ken Asheim as Chair, Dr. Jason Aanenson as Vice Chair, and Mr. Jones as Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried.

### **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Asheim has made the committee appointments for the coming year. They are posted on Board Zone.

Membership meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board accepted the minutes of the November 2, 2023 meeting by consensus.

The Board accepted the financial report for 2023 by consensus.

Motion (Jones/Sewell) to accept the 2023 Reviewed Financial Statement of the Foundation. Motion carried.

Motion (Bierschbach/Halverson) to accept the 2023 Form 990 of the Foundation. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

The Board agreed to continue with an annual review of financial statements conducted by an outside accounting firm.

- Review of Fundraising Events:
  - Golf Tournament: There were 53 golfers. Estimated income: \$5,282.
  - Best for Last Raffle: The Board agreed to continue this fundraiser. All ticket sales were done in advance of the meeting. The pot was split three ways. Income will be approximately \$7,470.
  - Social Event Raffle: Another great event. Jan Bierschbach will chair this raffle again in 2025. Dr. Sewell will help with storing prizes in Rapid City. Income is expected to be approximately \$16,420.
  - Silent Auction: There were several items on the silent auction. It generated \$1,900.
- Wellbeing Program: Mary Wolf, from Veritee Healthcare Consulting, has provided counseling to 28 individuals in the second year of the program and 15 so far in the third year. Paul reported that there have been several contributions to the dedicated fund that the Foundation established last year in order to provide additional support to the Wellbeing Program.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Strategic Planning: Paul reported that he and Dr. Schaack have put additional metrics into the strategies of the plan. Motion (Aanenson/Johnson) to adopt the strategic plan. Motion carried.
- Dental Hygiene and Assisting Scholarships: The Board agreed that we should reach out to the dental hygiene and dental assisting programs in the state to find out the typical size of a scholarship and whether our scholarship amounts are still meaningful.
- Dental Hygiene and Assisting Program Expansion: The Board would like to support the dental hygiene and dental assisting programs in their efforts to increase the number of clinical staff available in South Dakota. The Board would like to have the Foundation learn the needs of each of the programs and then create a plan to raise and match funds from among the dentists in the state to help meet the expansion needs of the programs.
- Grant Giving and Gift Acceptance Guidelines: The Board tasked the Grants Distribution and Acceptance Committee to review the “giving guidelines” and “gift acceptance” guidelines and policies of the Foundation grants and bring and recommended changes to the Board at the fall meeting.

## REPORTS

- Grants Distribution Committee Report: Three grant applications were received by the April deadline and one after the deadline. The Board agreed to fund the following applications: the South Dakota Head Start Association for \$2,500 and the SDDA Wellbeing program for \$9,000. Additionally, the following scholarships should 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.The scholarships will be partially supported by a Delta Dental contribution of \$2,950 to recognize Delta participating dentists on their years of being enrolled with Delta.
- Foundation Award: No one was given the Foundation's Dedicated Service Award this year. The Board agreed that the Nominating Committee should select the recipient of the Foundation's Dedicated Service Award for future years.

## NEXT MEETING DATE

The Board agreed to schedule a fall meeting for November 5, 2024

Meeting adjourned 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Knecht  
Executive Director

## **South Dakota Dental Foundation 2024**

### Donated Dental Services Program-(01.01.23 to 05.13.24)

Number of people currently in active treatment: 51

Number of volunteer dentists/specialists: 212

Value of care to patients treated: \$ 237,923.12.

Value of donated lab services: \$10,764.00

Number of people treated since inception: 2,325

Value of care to patients since inception: \$8,572,225.14

### Sunshyne Smiles Program

Number of active patients: 47 (8 pending)

Number of cases completed: 6

Number of cases completed since inception: 374

### One Smile Program

Number of children treated: 21

Number of children treated since inception: 117

### Avera Emergency Room Referral Program

Number of referrals received: 35(1/1/24-5/13/24)

(9 referred to CH, 1 took care of on own, 1 helped find a dentist, 24 didn't reach)

Number of referrals received since inception: 515