

## **Bess Spiva Timmons Foundation, Inc.**

48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Saturday Session  
October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The 48<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Bess Spiva Timmons Foundation, Inc., a Missouri not for profit corporation was held at the Loews Santa Monica Hotel in Santa Monica, California, on Saturday October 10, 2015.

The following directors and members of the corporation were present:

Bryna Majidi	Monita Kelsey
Catherine Weeks	Jennifer Svacina
Leia Matern	Gary Timmons
Steve Weeks	Pen Timmons
Sarah Timmons	Jill Larson
Beth Grossman	Darwin Larson
Darci Spillman	George Timmons
Eric Larson	Louise Spears
Gregory Timmons	Tim Spears
Susan Timmons	

The following supporting contributor was also present:

Douglas Hauser

President Majidi called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

President Majidi began the meeting with many thanks to Monita Kelsey for her hard work in planning this years meeting.

The membership voted and approved to have the 2017 meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with Leia Matern and Darci Spillman to plan the arrangements.

Sarah Timmons reports that the 2016 meeting will be held in Seattle, Washington at the Edgewater Hotel in downtown Seattle on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

President Majidi began the discussion of officer term limits. According to the policy:

All four positions will be subject to term limits with tenure of two years and an option of a third year. Following the two or three year term, the position would become available for open election and voting by a secret ballot at the Saturday session. The outgoing officer is responsible for mentoring and must promptly facilitate transfer of information, materials and knowledge to the newly elected officer. If an officer is unable to perform the duties or steps down at any time during

their tenure, the board will temporarily fill that position until the next meeting and subject to a new election at that meeting. The same person cannot hold the same officer position for more than 3 years.

There is discussion regarding the question of what the policy will be if there is no interest in an officer position. Doug reminds members that this is not a by-law issue and that since it is a policy statement, exceptions can be made. There is a yearly election of all officers.

President Majidi informed members of the possibilities of electronic proposals as well as the bank's ability to receive contact information for the grant award recipients from the Treasurer and distribute the checks.

President Majidi nominated Leia Matern for Vice-president. This was seconded and approved through a majority vote. Leia's term will begin at the end of this meeting.

Doug further explains the bank's position and duties if they take on the responsibility of issuing checks to the organizations. The Treasurer determines the amounts owed with contact information for the organizations, would sign and date the document and send to the bank to have checks issued. The amounts will be reflected through the monthly statements. The bank will be following up with those that have not cashed a check. The Treasurer would be on more of a supervisory role. The bank would also check the EIN numbers for organizations. This process could also be utilized with the family giving checks. The bank would include letters with the checks for those receiving grant funds. Secretary will be responsible for the rejection letters. The bank would not charge extra fees for this service.

It was determined that payments for this meeting, including reimbursements, grant amounts and hotel costs, should be facilitated by Tim and any business for the Seattle meeting will be conducted by the new Treasurer.

President Majidi distributed the three pages that she presented to the Executive Committee at Friday Night's meeting. These include the revised Grant Application Requirements, Information About the Applicant and Signature Page and 501 (c) (3) Verification Affidavit. These will be uploaded on the website by Tim.

President Majidi discussed revision of the website, specifically with the digital submission of grant proposals. Jacob Donahue has volunteered to work towards this improvement. It is thought that as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the members will have passwords and be able to look at the submissions. They will have opportunity to do research ahead of time, look at the charities and get to know them as well as be better prepared. This will make for less paperwork. The foundation will still accept applications through the mail for those that aren't able to submit electronically.

Doug has the investment synopsis available to all members if interested.

The 2014 minutes are available online as well as in members' packets. The only change is the family giving amounts for the Spears family that are not noted in the

minutes. Greg will update this information for the 2014 minutes. President Majidi proposed to approve the 2014 minutes with the exception of the updated amount for the Spears family giving which Greg Timmons will correct. The members voted and approved the 2014 minutes with exceptions listed.

Tim Spears presented the family giving report. Tim reports that the Spears and George Timmons family gave the full amount of \$40,000 each. The Bob Timmons family has given \$21,000. Tim has reports available.

There was discussion regarding possibly changing to a dollar amount to individual family members instead of to a family as a whole. Currently, each family distributes among their family members.

Doug reports that the executive board recommended \$145,000 for distribution at this meeting. Family giving has already been distributed for 2015 and is included in the amount considered.

Following lunch, Beth Grossman was nominated for the Treasurer position and this was voted upon and approved for 2016.

After review and written ballot submission from all Members, the following grant recipients were selected:

NAME	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Alice Lloyd College	Student Work Program	\$1,000
Bobwhite Brigade	Texas brigades	\$1,000
Budget & Financial Management Assistance	Expansion Services	\$1,500
Cabool High School Library	Cabool HS Library	\$2,000
C.A.R.E. 4Paws	Spay Mobile	\$2,000
Cerimon House	Symposium Series	\$2,000
Children's Museum of Denver	Sponsored Admissions	\$2,000
CAFA	Kid Connecting	\$5,000
Colonia Fox Theatre Foun.	Grand Entry	\$5,000
Community Health Care Center	Baxter Springs Safe Room	\$1,500
Community Home Repair	Home Safety Program	\$2,000
Community LINC	Interim & Immediate Housing	\$1,000
Crosslines Churches of Joplin	Electronic Pallet Lift	\$1,000
Donnelly College	Scholarship Aid	\$3,000
EnergyCare	Winter Warming Program	\$1,000
Friends of Saguaro National Park	Exploring Desert Diversity	\$5,000
Gabriel's Angels	Pet Therapy Program	\$1,000
Grinnell Regional Medical Center	GRMC Bike Helmet Project	\$1,000
Heartland Independent Living Center		Contribution
to Program Budget	\$1,000	
Home Medical Equipment Services	Upgrading Office Communications	\$1,000
Izi Azi Foundation	Fresh Food for Those in Need	\$2,000

Joplin Association for the Blind	Low Vision Services	\$1,000
KOMAK	Direct Client Assistance	\$10,000
Magic Jungle Wildlife Preserve	General Support	\$1,000
Missouri Colleges Fund, Inc.	Teacher Scholarships	\$1,000
MountainStar Family Relief Nursery	Core Relief Nursery Services	\$1,000
OHSU	Patient & Family Support Services	\$10,000
Randall Children's Hospital	Children's Healing Garden	\$5,000
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Rose Haven CIC	Advocacy Program	\$1,000
Saddlebrooke Community Outreach	Kids Closet	\$1,000
Sean Humphrey House	Residential Services	\$1,000
Serendipity Center	Growing Minds Garden	\$1,000
Shoes That Fit	Back-to-School & Holiday project	\$1,000
Sisters of the Road	Hot Meals/Barter Program	\$3,000
SW Center for HIV/AIDS	Logans Playground Child Care	\$1,000
Stilwell Heritage Foundation	Restoration of Hotel Lobby	\$5,000
Store to Door	Nourishment & Social Connections	\$3,500
Texas County Memorial Hospital	Vein Illuminator	\$4,500
The Huntington's Disease Society	HD Advocacy at Any Age	\$5,000
The Time is Now to Help	General Support	\$5,000
Volunteers of America	Al Forthan Scholarship	\$1,000
Warner Library	Warner is Wired for Learning	\$2,600
Wings of Hope	Medical Relief & Air Transport	\$1,000
Yavapai Exceptional Industries	Ancillary Services	\$5,000
Youth On Their Own	Student Living Expense Program	\$3,000
Foundation for the Public Schools	Creating Community through	\$5,000
Of Tarrytowns	Theatre Arts	
Caring Ministries	Warehouse Equipment	\$6,000
Boston Children's Hospital	Perinatal Mortality	\$1,000
Bohart Museum Society	Website Design	\$2,400
The Parliament Arts	Pop-Up Gallery	\$5,000
Young Audiences of Santa Cruz County	Arts for Learning	\$4,000

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Bess Spiva Timmons Foundation meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Catherine Weeks  
Secretary

