



**BESS SPIVA TIMMONS FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**30th Annual Meeting**

Friday Meeting  
July 25, 1997 7:30 p.m.

George S. Timmons, President, opened the meeting at the Alumni Center of Pittsburg State University with greetings for the board members.

- Old business was called for; none offered.
- Next year's meeting site; July 17 and 18, 1998 at San Diego, California at Town and Country per JoAnn Kimball's arrangements. Recommendations and nominations for the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting were made and voted on. Of the proposed sites (San Francisco, CA; Seattle, WA; and Reno, NV) Reno, Nevada was chosen to be the site for the 1999 meeting with "research" and arrangements to be made by Joe Spears.
- Council on Foundations report was given by Cathy S. Spillman based on the Next Generation retreat attended by herself, Jill Larson and Susan (Tammie) Timmons in October 1996 at Menlo Park, CA. Among numerous activities the participants took the Campbell Leadership Index which measures leadership, energy, affability, dependability, and resilience. This tool was used to assist participants in gaining insight into themselves in the context of their family foundation. They also found a 'star power' exercise revealing in learning how one behaves when assuming they do or do not have access to power. The cousins had a great time and found some of the exercises valuable.
- Nominating Committee Chairperson, Joe L. Spears nominated a slate of officers as follows:

President: Jill T. Larson  
Vice Pres./ Secretary: Timothy J. Spears  
Treasurer: Susan T. Timmons

- The slate of officers was voted into office with a unanimous vote. The newly elected officers immediately assumed their positions. The Board was also asked to provide a volunteer Council on Foundations representative; Louise L. Spears volunteered and was so appointed.
- The new President, Jill Larson, thanked the outgoing officers for their years of dedication and work in support of The Bess Spiva Timmons Foundation and hoped for their support and guidance to the incoming officers.

- President Larson led a discussion of ways to improve and clarify the Foundation grant guidelines and procedures. The board voted to make the following changes:
  1. To receive requests for funding is changed to June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  2. Unsolicited requests for funding will only be accepted from west of the Mississippi River within the continental United States.
  3. The Foundation Executive Committee will meet via teleconference or other convenient means around mid-June to weed out organizations and proposals clearly outside of funding consideration.
  4. The Foundation will establish a separate phone line and answering machine in order to shield individual's privacy.
  5. Universities and institutions requesting information will be sent one brochure packet to their library or development office rather than to each department or individual within the organization.
- The continuing discussion on defining our ability to fund organizations with U.S. tax exempt status for projects centered outside the United States was initiated by President Jill Larson. Both Foundation guidelines and IRS tax rules were discussed without resolution. This topic will be researched by Duane Lawellin and results shared with the Board.
- A motion was made to retain membership in the Council On Foundations. Discussion of the value of membership and the benefit to our Foundation resulted in approval of retaining membership at the 1996 rate of dues.
- Duane Lawellin shared his research of the philanthropic history of the Bess Spiva Timmons Foundation over the past thirty years. This Foundation has given away \$1,941,353.00 to date. A copy of his findings are enclosed for those unable to attend the meeting. The tradition set by Gommie has continued to enrich our family and our communities to the present.

The Friday meeting was closed with the selection of grant proposals by each member for presentation at the Saturday meeting. There were 117 proposals this year.



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Saturday Meeting  
July 26, 1997 8:30 a.m.

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Board of Directors for the Bess Spiva Timmons Foundation, Inc., a Missouri Not-For-Profit Corporation, was held in the Timmons Ballroom of the restored Stillwell Hotel in Pittsburg, Kansas with the following Directors present:

JoAnn S. Kimball  
Darci Osther  
Darwin G. Larson  
Jill T. Larson  
Duane D. Lawellin  
Elizabeth J. Spears  
Joe L. Spears  
Judith T. Spears  
Louise L. Spears

Timothy J. Spears  
Catherine S. Spillman  
Gary E. Timmons  
George S. Timmons  
Monita Timmons  
Patricia P. Timmons  
Pen Timmons  
Robert L. Timmons  
Susan T. Timmons

Jill T. Larson, President, brought the meeting to order and facilitated the proceedings as follows:

- President Jill greeted special guest Joachim Osther, who is Darci's new husband. Joachim sat in on this meeting as an observer and as an introduction to the extended family.
- The Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Foundation Meeting were submitted for corrections by former secretary Robert L. Timmons. No corrections were offered. The 1996 minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.
- The former Treasurer, Judith T. Spears, deferred her report to the financial adviser's report (below).
- Duane Lawellin, in his Financial Adviser's report, noted that the Foundation's asset allocation was unbalanced due to the success of the stock market in recent years. He advised in favor of a more conservative mix of stocks to bonds due to potential volatility in the Market, suggesting a 60% stock to 40% bond ratio. Discussion followed and a motion was made and passed to pursue a 65% stocks to 35% bonds mix. Mercantile Bank will advise the Foundation officers in the various options to achieve that goal.

Bess Spiva Timmons Foundation  
Financial Adviser's Report

Asset Values

12/31/96	\$4,950,142	
12/31/95	<u>4,471,985</u>	
Increase	\$478,157	
Plus Awards paid out	<u>\$235,978</u>	
Amount of total increase	\$714,136	= 15.97% total return

Expenses = .0042% of average fund assets during 1996

Rate of return currently (as of 6/30/97), excluding appreciation = 3.35% on market value, 6.68% on cost.

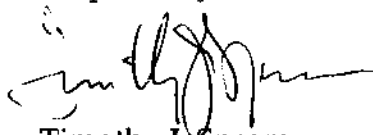
- In new business, it was decided to send Timothy J. Spears to the Council on Foundation's 1997 Next Generation Retreat on Sept. 26-28 in Pocantico Hills, New York. This is a continuation of the policy of the Foundation set at the 1996 meeting to educate younger Board members.
- The presentation of grant requests then proceeded with the following organizations being awarded grants:

A Sporting Chance; Springfield, Missouri	\$1000
Baptist Bible College Natural Science Dept.; Springfield, MO	\$3000
Camp Penuel, Ironton, Missouri	\$6000
Canyon de Chelly Guides Association; Chinle, Arizona	\$5000
Caring Ministries, Inc.; Tucson, Arizona	\$10,000
Casper, Wyoming Housing Authority	\$5000
Creative Arts Therapies; Girard, Kansas	\$5000
Cumberland College; Williamsburg, Kentucky	\$10,000
Development Center for Appropriate Technology; Tucson, AZ	\$5000
Donnelly College; Kansas City, Kansas	\$5250
Ducks Unlimited; Joplin, Missouri	\$2000
Family Counseling Agency; Tucson, Arizona	\$4000
The Family Resource Center; Pittsburg, Kansas	\$5000
George Washington Carver Mem. Nursery School; Joplin, MO	\$4000
Greenbelt Coalition; Columbia, Missouri	\$1000
Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kansas	\$10,000
Huntington's Disease Society of America; New York, NY	\$10,000
Lafayette House; Joplin, Missouri	\$5000
The Marine Mammal Center; Sausalito, California	\$5000
Missouri Colleges Fund, Inc.; Jefferson City, Missouri	\$2000

Mount Carmel Foundation; Pittsburg, Kansas	\$10,000
The Nature Conservancy; Topeka, Kansas	\$6000
The Nature Conservancy; Phoenix, Arizona	\$5000
Navajo Health Foundation; Ganado, Arizona	\$10,000
City of Parsons, Kansas	\$10,000
Piney Woods Country Life School; Piney Woods, Mississippi	\$10,000
Pittsburg State University; Kansas	\$20,000
Pittsburg State University Dept. of Nursing; Kansas	\$10,000
Prescott College; Prescott, Arizona	\$5000
Reading Is Fundamental of Springfield, Inc.; Missouri	\$2000
Robert M. Drongsen Jr. Memorial Fund; Junction City, Oregon	\$10,000
Sandpoint Inc.; St. Paul, Kansas	\$2500
Shelter the Children; St. Louis, Missouri	\$3000
Talking Tapes/ Textbooks on Tape; St. Louis, Missouri	\$2500
Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus; Arizona	\$2000
Tucson Association for the Blind; Arizona	\$10,000
University of Arizona Orthopedic Research Lab; Tucson, AZ	\$10,000
Wat Thai of Los Angeles; California	\$5000
Zink the Zebra Foundation of St. Louis; Missouri	\$2000
	total \$239,250

- The Stillwell Hotel was awarded \$1,000 as a special thank you gesture for the warm reception and gracious hospitality the family received.
- The meeting was adjourned and followed by a reception for the Board by the Trust Department of the Mercantile Bank of Joplin, where many acquaintances were made and renewed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Timothy J. Spears  
Secretary

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