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FYI

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Since my last report, Marklund has received **\$1.4M** from the State of Illinois. Our aging for Residential and Developmental Training, through September stands at \$2.7M. We currently have our entire **\$7M** line of credit available.
- The due diligence process for the **12.3 acres** near the Wasmond Center is almost complete. The final engineering report and the appraisal are done. Our architect is working on possible layouts for the property, both with and without a school. I will give my recommendation along with a full report at the October board meeting and then the board will make the final decision on whether to purchase the property prior to the end of the 90-day due diligence period.
- The Marklund Day School – Geneva expansion is moving forward. Just as a reminder, below is the motion that was passed at the Board meeting following the retreat:

MARKLUND DAY SCHOOL EXPANSION

Duane F. asked for the following motion: “To authorize management to form a design/build team and do everything necessary, up to and including construction documents and permits, in order to be prepared to be under construction by next summer for the new Marklund Day School. Actual approval to move forward on this project will require specific board approval. Duane F. also requested that a financial model be presented illustrating the short term and longer term impacts of the proposed initiative including the proposed sources of project financing.” Frank M. moved, Bill D. seconded, and the motion was approved without exception.

The following steps have been taken to implement the board action:

- ✓ We have had a couple of meetings with Steve Hougsted (Arcon) and Randy Lindenburg (FCL) to review the current plans for the Geneva expansion and begin the design/build process. FCL has made some very helpful suggestions to value engineer the plan.
 - ✓ We are grateful that our Vice Chair, **Frank Murnane**, has agreed to Chair the Capital Campaign Committee and that **Jim Armbruster, Dan Foley, Mike Herlihy** and **Jack Zimmerman** have agreed to serve on the committee. Thank you!
 - ✓ We are working on a financial forecast for the new school along with various debt scenarios. A presentation will be made at the October board meeting.
 - ✓ We will be following up on the potential state “earmarks” for the project that State Representative Keith Wheeler called us about last month.
- Our **7th Annual Leadership Giving Circle Donor Appreciation** held last month was a huge success. We had another great turnout and made significant connections with many of our key supporters. **Kane County Chair Chris Lauzen** and his wife attended to show their support. I want to thank **Howard Brandeisky, Mike Herlihy, Frank Murnane, and Jack Zimmerman** for attending.

- I hope that many of you are planning to sign up for the 6th Annual **Run, Walk & Roll 5K/1M** being held in Geneva on Sunday, October 21. It is being sponsored by the **Fitch Foundation** (thank you, **Duane!**) for the fifth year in a row. Given the number of pre-registrations it looks to be our biggest yet. You can register at: <https://www.marklund.org/series/runwalkroll-geneva>.

We are very excited that the newly crowned **Mrs. America** (who lives in Mill Creek) will be singing the National Anthem and **Congressman Randy Hultgren** accepted our invitation and will be greeting the participants prior to the start.

- You were given a presentation of our Advocacy initiative at the Board retreat. Here is your chance to become part of our advocacy efforts. Please click on the following link: <https://votervoice.net/Marklund/Home> and you will see how easy it is to register and become a part of the **Marklund Advocacy Team**.
- In a **recent statewide poll** conducted by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute found that well over half of all eligible voters think “Illinois needs to do both – raise revenue and make cuts”. Still just over one in four feel the problem can only be fixed by cutting state services and programs. When asked to consider seven areas where cuts could be made, voters **most opposed** cutting in four areas: health care services provided at long-term care facilities, public safety, state mental health services and health care service provided at home and community based services.

It is nice to have the voters on our side; that is what advocacy is all about!

- Just as a reminder, here are the **Board dates** for the rest of **2018: October 25** and for **2019: January 24, April 4, May 23** (Finance only), **June 27, August 16** (Board Retreat), **October 24**.

Thank you for your commitment to our mission...our promise...and for ALL you do to *make everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities*. I look forward to seeing you at the Board meeting on the 25th.

God bless you!

Gil

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