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Called to order at 1:35 by Winston Bridges.

Minutes of August 21 meeting read and accepted. Marti will post minutes on website. No Treasurer's Report at this time. Hope to have report to give at luncheon.

Winston Bridges - Scholarship Fund has surpassed the $25,000 level needed for endowment. Current recipient, Wade Werner, is COB. Next recipient will be from College of Education. Three colleges in cycle, COA, COB, COE.

Erin Dunn - New Application for Scholarship has more information, including if applicant is first-generation student. Two letters of recommendation are required - OR use recommendation form which may be mailed directly to financial aid office from person making the recommendation. Financial Aid/Scholarship folks screen applications. Erin will send us applications that fit our profile.

Julie Gillespie - RFSA Scholarship Fund is an Endowment Fund - placed in long-term investments by Foundation Board, headed by John Scott. Overhead is 2%, payout is 4.25% at present.

Les moves, Eleanor seconds that we increase scholarships to $500 per semester. Passed.

Herm Brames - We need a target date for reaching the $100,000. amount to be eligible for matching funds. Julie & Erin will find our original date of establishing the fund, in order to set a target date. RFSA must state that we intend to reach the $100,000. in order to receive matching funds. This information must be given to donors and prospective donors.

Herm moved, Eleanor seconded that we list the names of RFSA Endowed Scholarship contributors at the Sustaining Membership level of $100 annually on the RFSA website. Additionally, motion included the intent to reference the RFSA Endowed Scholarship and Sustaining Member Contributors in an issue of E-News.

Erin - Wants to have, on the Scholarship page, brief stories on the donors of the money. Asks RFSA to make up a paragraph about us. Les and Scholarship committee will do this.

Herm - In addition to letter requesting funds - maybe some of us would make calls to a few members.

Winston - E-News has been restarted. Calendar of events is on E-News. Luncheon will be at SPYC February 19 at 11:30. Same menu. November 8 will be reception on campus.

Herm - presented a draft resolution to State Board of Administration (copy attached)

Les moved, Eleanor seconded that we send copies to SBA, our state representatives, and
the St. Petersbrg Times. Motion passed. SBA consists of Gov. Charlie Crist, Attorney General Bill McCollum, Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink.

Winston - spoke with Sandy Conway about new retirees. Benefit Fairs occur on campus - we could e-mail our members notifying them of this.

Next meeting March 4 at 1:30, Rm 300, One Building.

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