



## **Laptops to Lesotho (L2L) Board Meeting Summary May 2019**

The Board of Directors (BOD) met Saturday, May 18, 2019. Four BOD members attended the meeting.

Janissa Balcomb, President, called the meetings to order at 9:15 Mountain Daylight Time. The BOD approved the BOD minutes from the March meetings. The Secretary/Treasurer reported the current financial status for L2L as of 4/30/2019 after funding the standard Windows laptop and additional XO-1's. L2L cash on hand as of 4/30/19 is \$3,229.

The Kokobe project updates discussed during the meeting:

- 1. Addition of Separate Classroom / Library designed for Computer Training – Construction budget identified for classroom, need more information on**

### **Power Upgrades for finalize funding requirements**

2. Request for Standard Computer (Laptop) to Prepare Lessons – **Completed and laptop in Kokobe**
3. Request for XO Laptops for Teachers to Own – **Completed**
4. Replacement Batteries for XO's in Kokobe – **Currently, there are no available batteries for purchase and L2L has standing order if any become available.**
5. Request for Student Scholarships (Partnership with FIPE) – **Completed and received pictures of students**

**Fundraising Update** – Janissa Balcomb and Kathy Plath coordinating potential grant opportunities to fund the L2L priorities in 2019 – 2020 and meeting in June to finalize funding plan. Commitment received from The Panhuse Family Foundation to fund engagement with Arizona State University (ASU) student interns (see ASU discussion below) and for Lesotho training trip.

**Arizona State University (ASU) Partnership** – Successful discussions with ASU regarding use of their SolarSPELL library technology that facilitates the transition to Kindle FIRE HD tablets from the XO-1 laptops currently in-use. The BOD agreed between meetings to pursue this transition plan. ASU identified that student interns (if funded) provide assistance to

configure the SolarSPELL Libraries specifically for the Kokobe project.

ASU coordinates with the Peace Corps to assist in the successful project implementation. Janissa in communication with Kokobe determined viability to request a Peace Corps volunteer. Efforts are in progress for this request. Lead-times are a minimum of six-months.

**2019 – 2020 Lesotho Training Trip** - More work needs to be completed to finalize the details on the planned trip in 2020. Vicki discussed a potential for a student from the Arizona State University Non-Profit Leadership Program join this trip to help with the training and the coordination with the Ministry of Education. Vicki needs to follow-up with ASU on the potential budget requirements.

Fortunate volunteered to initiate groundwork in Maseru based on ASU experience in establishing a broader country initiative. ACTION: Vicki to connect ASU contact with Fortunate.

Janissa, Vicki and Kathy plan to discuss the requirements for the training trip in early June.

**L2L Website** – Janissa reported updates to the website and requests all Board members review to provide recommendations and/or commit to helping with areas of interest.

### **New Business**

Janissa is updating the L2L Articles of Incorporation to reflect our current mission and focus. The recommended revisions will be sent to BOD members for review and discussion at next meeting

The Board approved continued funding for our Lesotho Project Coordinator to help facilitate our projects in country.

The next L2L BOD meeting scheduled for Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 9 AM Mountain Daylight Time.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM Mountain Daylight Time.

Vicki E. Panhuse  
Secretary / Treasurer