

Winnebago County Scholarship Advisory Group  
Friday, October 28, 2022  
Room 119 - County Administration Building  
112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Present: Supervisors Karen Powers and Kay Horan; Fr. Aron Walter, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Menasha  
Also Present: Sue Ertmer, Winnebago County Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Supervisor Powers.

Motion by Supervisor Horan, seconded by Fr. Walter, to approve the agenda. Carried by voice vote.

There were no comments from the public.

Supervisor Powers began the meeting with a brief history of the county's scholarship program that began in 1999. She explained that she contacted the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh to gather information on past and current tuition costs to see how the county's \$1,000 annual scholarship impacts that expense for a student.

Past and current costs:

- 2000 tuition at UW-O was \$3,023.70. Our scholarship covered approximately 33% of that cost
- 2022 tuition (projected) \$7,795. Our scholarship would cover approximately 13% of that cost.

This shows that since 1999, college tuition has increased nearly 158%, while the amount of Winnebago County's scholarships have remained the same.

Winnebago County budgets \$9,000 annually to give nine \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors in the county's public and private schools. Supervisor Powers would like to increase that amount to \$2,000 for each of the nine recipients.

In 1999, when the county established the scholarship program, it also setup an account for people to make donations to the scholarship program. There is currently \$45,000 in this account. Supervisor Powers suggests that the county continue to budget \$9,000 annual for the scholarships, and take an additional \$9,000 from this account to increase the scholarships to \$2,000 for each of the nine graduating seniors selected each year.

After additional discussion, a motion was made and seconded to submit a budget amendment at next week's county board budget session to increase the scholarship amount from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per student for a total of \$18,000 annually. Carried by voice vote.

It was also discussed that if this amendment doesn't pass at the budget session, a resolution will be introduced at a future county board meeting increasing the scholarship amount from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per student for a total of \$18,000 annually.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Susan T. Ertmer  
Winnebago County Clerk