



## Southington Education Foundation

January 14, 2020  
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
The Orchards

### Meeting Minutes

Quorum= 7

**11 of 13 Directors Present-** Jerry Belanger, Ellen Bellinger, Gloria Brown, Gail Duffy, George Fournier, Jan Galati, Trish Kenefick, Paula Knight, Joyce McAloon, Ann Taylor and Dianne Quinn.

**2 Volunteer Members Present:** Nancy Garry and Sue Blaczzyk

1. **Welcome/Call to Order** – Paula called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.
  
2. **Secretary Report** (Ellen)
  - a. **Regular Meeting** - November 12, 2019  
George moved approval of the 11/12/19 minutes, seconded by Trish.  
All in favor. The minutes were approved.
  - b. **Special Meeting** - December 10, 2019  
Gloria moved approval of the 1/10/19 minutes, seconded by Jan.  
All in favor. The minutes were approved.
  
3. **Treasurer's Report** (George)
  - a. **Monthly report** – January, 2020  
CHECKING-- \$16,831.95  
SAVINGS/MONEY MARKET--\$11,528.15  
BALANCE/ASSETS—\$28,360.10
    - Several donations were received: \$5,000 from the Robert F. Quinn Foundation, \$1,000 from Jen Micacci, \$411 from Erika Perry, and \$100 from Dave Monti.
    - Fundraising checks were received: \$3,000 from the Southington Drive-in, and \$280 from Just-For-You Gifts.
    - Jerry moved approval of the treasurer's report, seconded by Jan. All in favor. The treasurer's report was approved.
  - b. **YMCA Sloper Plunge**  
Ellen made a motion to donate \$300 to sponsor an SEF "Ghost Team" for the Sloper Plunge. Ann seconded the motion. All in favor; the motion passed.

**c. Town Spelling Bee**

Gloria moved to spend \$135 to sponsor the Town-wide Spelling Bee (for the purchase of gift cards for school winners and the grand winner). Seconded by Ellen. All in favor; the motion passed. Paula, Trish, and Gloria will represent SEF at the Spelling Bee on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Thalberg School.

**d. Visual & Fine Arts Scholarship**

The plan to offer a fine arts scholarship jointly with SoCCA and SACA this year suddenly fell apart. Ann moved to return to the SEF Visual & Fine Arts Scholarship as in the past for \$1,000. Seconded by Trish. All in favor; the motion passed.

**4. Committee Work**

**a. Grant Committee – Spring Cycle – Jan**

- Sarah Brown, recipient of fall grant at special meeting, open to SEF fundraising at the robotics competition.
- Spring grant applications due March 20.
- Jan will check on notifications going out to teachers
- Grant committee will meet April 20.

**b. Board Development – Jan**

- Welcome extended to two new volunteer members – Sue Blaczzyk and Lisa Cammuso. A chart was distributed indicating their interests (attached).
- Sandra Brino committed to joining in the spring Patricia Queen and Lauren Jones also indicated some interest in possibly joining.
- Nominating committee will need to know who plans to continue as directors by the May meeting.
- Board Term Limits: A chart was distributed (attached). Ellen will help contact members.

**c. CFGNB Sponsorship of Spring Gala – Jan**

- The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain will sponsor our gala at the maximum level of \$500.
- They will receive 4 tickets to the event and a ¼-page ad in the program.
- Jan will follow up with a post-event letter of appreciation.

**d. Program Committee - (Michelle)**

- Michelle was absent.
- George cautioned members to be careful with spending as our funds are getting close with promised monies for Science at Sloper and LEAF.
- Some fundraising ideas were discussed (Minds in Motion, Yoga for Kids). Paula requested any additional fundraising ideas be submitted to her in writing.

- e. **Resource Development – Gala Planning** - Gail
- Gail will chair the gala this year, but a new chair is needed for future galas.
  - Mountain Room is reserved for March 28.
  - Caterer is confirmed (Tops).
  - Joanne may know another band – need to follow up.
  - A new printer for the gala’s program is needed. Perhaps the HS graphic arts dept. can help.
  - Lawn signs can be re-used. Need to change the date.
  - We need to find ways to enhance ticket sales – perhaps an early bird special price.
  - A special gala planning meeting will take place at the Orchards on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00.

**5. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:32.

**Upcoming Dates:**

**January 28** – Gala Planning Meeting 6:00 The Orchards

**February 11** -- Next regular meeting, 6-7:30, The Orchards

**March 28** - Spring for Education Gala, Mt Southington Mountain Room

**April 6** – Town Spelling Bee, Thalberg School, 7:00

**April 20** - Spring Grant Committee Meeting, 6:00, TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Bellinger, SEF Secretary

Mission: The Southington Education Foundation, Inc. is committed to instilling a life-long love of learning in all children through innovative, creative learning experiences that expand upon existing educational opportunities. The Foundation will partner with the community to secure resources, inspire excellence, and enrich student achievement.

Core Values: Innovation, Learning, Equity, School-Community Partnership, Integrity