



Southington Education Foundation

February 11, 2020
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
The Orchards

Meeting Minutes

Quorum= 7

10 of 13 Directors Present: Jerry Belanger, Ellen Bellinger, Gloria Brown, Gail Duffy, George Fournier, Paula Knight, Michelle LeBrun-Griffin, 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 6:10 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes** - January 14, 2020
George moved approval of the 1/14/20 minutes, seconded by Joyce.
All in favor. The minutes were approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report** (George)
 - a. **Monthly report** – February, 2020
CHECKING-- \$13,090.74
SAVINGS/MONEY MARKET--\$11,528.67
BALANCE/ASSETS—\$24,619.41
 - Expenses paid include the Mountain Room, scholarships, spelling bee, robotics, and insurance.
 - There was a discussion about putting future treasurer reports on Google Docs.
 - Ellen moved approval of the treasurer's report, seconded by Jerry. All in favor. The treasurer's report was approved.

4. **Committee Work**
 - a. **Grant Committee – Spring Cycle** – Ellen for Jan
 - No applications received to date. (Applications due March 20.)
 - Spring grant committee meeting set for April 20, 6:00, TBD
 - A serious discussion took place regarding our financial obligations to fund the spring cycle of Science at Sloper (approximately \$5,000) and the

\$10,000 promised to LEAF. We have to move all our savings reserves into checking to cover expenses.

- Approval of Spring Grant Allocation: Gloria moved we allocate \$3,000 for spring grants., seconded by Jerry. All in favor. The motion passed.
- Grant committee will meet on April 20.

b. Program Committee - (Michelle)

i. Science at Sloper

The district is unable to pick up any of the cost for Sloper this year but it is included in the science budget for next year. We will fund the spring cycle as promised.

ii. L.E.A.F.

Michelle shared a short thank-you video from LEAF.

Mark Ramsey says we should feel free to use it.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/dal0yohgvh85f8y/LEAF%20-%20South%20Edu%20%20Thank%20You%20Ver.2.mp4?dl=0>

iii. Emotional Intelligence

EI disbursement will go out this month.

c. Scholarship – (Ann)

- Ann and Joanne will be creating a new rubric.
- March 20 is the application deadline.
- Readers are: Joyce, Jerry, Paula, Trish, and Sue.
- Completed rubrics will be due April 15th.

e. Resource Development –

i. Gala Planning - Gail

- The Mountain Room has been paid.
- The caterer (Tops) raised its price to \$25 pp.
- Michelle and Gloria are looking into a band or DJ.
- Paula is working on the printing of programs.
- Lawn signs will be re-used. (Need to change the date.)
- All members should print out gala fliers to leave at locations around town. <https://southingtoneducationfoundation.org/documents/Gala-Invitation-2020.pdf>
- We need more sponsors. This is a letter for potential sponsors: <https://southingtoneducationfoundation.org/documents/Gala-Sponsor-Letter-2020.docx> This is a form for sponsors to complete: <https://southingtoneducationfoundation.org/documents/Gala-Sponsorship-Levels-2020.docx>

- Use this form for auction donations received:
<https://southingtoneducationfoundation.org/documents/Gala-Donor-Receipt-Form-2020.docx>
- Proud Sponsor Signs can be given to all sponsors and donors of auction items:
<https://southingtoneducationfoundation.org/documents/proud-sponsor.pdf>
- The next gala planning meeting will take place at 9:30 am at the Mountain Room on Saturday, February 29th.
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ii. Future Fundraisers

- ***Harlem Globetrotters*** Trish will check into dates – possibly in October. Dianne will help.
- ***Ticket to Ride*** “Beatles” concert. Gloria will look into details and possible dates.

5. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:12.

Upcoming Dates:

February 29 -- Gala Planning Meeting 9:30am, Mountain Room

March 12 – 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 (Paula, Gloria & Trish)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Bellinger, SEF Secretary

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