



Southington Education Foundation

April 20, 2021

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

E-Meeting on Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Quorum= 7

Directors Present (11 of 14): Jerry Belanger, Ellen Bellinger, Gloria Brown, George Fournier, Jan Galati, Trish Kenefick, Paula Knight, Michelle LeBrun-Griffin, Joyce McAloon, Dianne Quinn, and Nancy Garry

Volunteer Members Present (2): Lisa Cammuso and Susan Reisman

1. **Welcome / Call to Order** – Paula
The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes** - Ellen
With no additions or corrections noted, Jerry moved and Trish seconded approval of the March 9, 2021 minutes. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - George
 - a. **April report**
 - CHECKING-- \$16,348.53
 - TOTAL ASSETS—\$16,994.16
 - \$146 fee for the PO box was paid
 - Bradley Barnes fund was fully expended
 - Action: Ellen moved acceptance of the 4/20/21 treasurer's report, seconded by Gloria. All were in favor. The treasurer's report was accepted.
4. **Committee Work**

a. Grant Committee – Jan

- One grant application was reviewed during the March cycle. It did not meet the criteria to be recommended to the board.
- The mini grants approved in March are listed below:

Diversifying Our Shelves	Elizabeth Curtin	DePaolo	\$438.06
Multicultural Mentor Texts	Gina Krar; Jessica Fletcher	Oshana Gr 1	\$495.20
Multicultural Libraries	Gina Krar; Jessica Fletcher	Oshana Gr 1	\$524.97

b. Membership Committee / Marketing Power Point – Lisa and Jan

- Lisa presented the power point that she is creating with input from the membership committee.
- Its purpose will be for SEF branding and fundraising
- The pp could be used to make presentations at PTO meetings and civic groups.
- Many suggestions were offered such as imbedding video into the pp and ways to tailor the slides to different groups.
- Members can view the pp on Google Drive.

c. Scholarship – Susan

- Susan thanked all the readers for their hard work.
- Jeremy Taylor deserves a special thank you for all his help in the office.
- The names of the awardees were sent to SHS.
- Readers are interested in learning which scholarships were chosen by their blinded numbers. This can be revealed after the awards night.
- An outdoor awards night is scheduled for May 20 on Fontana Field.
- A suggestion was made to better align the scholarship applications with the components of the rubric used for scoring.

d. Greg Tang – Paula

- There is a balance of \$1017.22 left over from the Greg Tang grant.
- The Math/Science coordinator requested that the money be used for the outdoor school gardens that are maintained with LEAF.
- There was consensus in favor of utilizing these funds for the gardens, but all unused grant funds are required to be returned to SEF.
- Michelle will contact LEAF to see if they are interested in resubmitting a program request for supplemental funding of the school gardens project.

5. Board Development. - Jan

- a. Board of Directors
 - We currently have 15 members serving on the Board of Directors
- b. Next Year's Officers
 - A vote needs to occur at May meeting
 - George would like to step down as treasurer but he is willing to stay on for another year to train the next person.
 - Ellen is willing to stay on as secretary if needed.
 - Jerry is not interested in the presidency.
 - Paula is willing to stay on for a 3rd term as president.
 - Please contact Jan if you are interested in any officer position.
- c. Installation of Officers will occur in June

6. New Business

- a. Stem Fair
 - SHS is planning a virtual STEM fair on May 1 with vendors.
 - Should SEF be involved to promote our brand?
 - Paula will look into it and get back to us.
- b. 2021-22 Budget
 - Paula will create a budget for next year for the May meeting.
- c. A Gala-style Celebration?
 - Nancy suggested we plan a celebration event for the fall.
 - It could be held outdoors.
 - Questions were also raised about fundraising again.
 - A committee was formed and a zoom meeting date was set for April 29 at 7pm.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

10. Dates to Calendar:

Event Planning Committee Meeting – Friday, April 29, 2021 at 7 pm.

Membership Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 3, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Next Regular SEF Zoom Meeting – May 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Bellinger, Secretary

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