



Southington Education Foundation

February 14, 2023

6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

13 Directors - Jerry Belanger, Ellen Bellinger, Lisa Cammuso, Denise Carabetta, George Fournier, Nancy Garry, Trish Kenefick, Paula Knight, Michelle LeBrun-Griffin, Joyce McAloon, Nancy Rogers, Dianne Quinn, and Katie Wade

1 Volunteer Member – Peg Lewis

0 Administrators

Call to Order – Paula Knight called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

A. Approval of January Minutes

There were no additions or corrections made to the 1/10/23 minutes.

Trish moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Nancy R.

There were no abstentions. The minutes were approved.

B. February Treasurer's Report

- Deposits included a \$24.28 donation and \$8.07 in interest.
- Expenses included two \$500 scholarship payments and \$1,000 for the artwork grant.
- CHECKING BALANCE-- \$44,413.99.
- TOTAL ASSETS—\$76,097.44.
- Jerry moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Trish. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

C. Committee Work

1. Grant Committee Report – Denise

a) Winter Grant - *Book Tastings: Read, Rejuvenate, and Refuel Your Read Alouds*

- The blinded grant application was approved by committee after suggested revisions were made and it was resubmitted.
- A detailed \$1,000 budget will be submitted after applicants conduct research to create an itemized list.

- The idea for this grant was conceived from a fall meeting with SEF members, which led to the concept of a much larger program grant currently in the works. It will serve as a starting point for the program being proposed.
- Ellen moved approval of awarding \$1,000 for the *Book Tastings: Read, Rejuvenate, and Refuel Your Read Alouds* grant, seconded by Katie. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Literacy Program Grant Update – Michelle and Katie

- A meeting took place with the district literacy coordinator and lit specialists.
- Possible title: *Reading with Our Minds and Hearts*
- Funding will be sought from the *Barnes* as well as *Main Street* foundations.
- The committee is looking into ways to incorporate family engagement and community involvement into the proposal.

2. Events Committee - Paula

a. Gala Update

- Date - May 5th
- Theme – *Cinco de Mayo*
- Venue - Mt. Southington Mountain Room
- Caterer – *Carmela Marie Catering* of Tops Market (no price yet)
- Music - *Stay Tuned*
- Jerry shared a gala flier nearly ready to publish for save-the-date.
- Paula contacted Bob Brown about possibly incorporating the SHS *Wall of Honor* into our event. There are no plans yet.
- Michelle will check on graduation prizes and update Google pages.
- It's time for all members to start thinking about potential sponsors.
- Events Committee zooms again on February 20 (all members welcome)

3. Scholarship Committee – Paula (for Ann)

- A memo was shared with details on the May 18th scholarship night.
- Ann will get blinded applications out to readers sometime after March 4th.
- Recipients' names must be submitted to SHS by April 14th.

D. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Next Meeting – March 14, 2023, 6:30 pm on Zoom

Other Dates to Calendar:

- **February 20** Events committee – 6:30 on Zoom (All are welcome as we head into Gala season)
- **March 13** - Grant committee – 6:30 on Zoom
- **May 5** - *Cinco de Mayo* - SEF Gala dinner, Mt Southington Ski Area, Mountain Room,

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Bellinger

Recording 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