



## Southington Education Foundation

February 8, 2022

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Zoom

### Meeting Minutes

**Welcome/Call to Order** – Gloria Brown called the meeting at 6:30pm.  
Administration could not attend due to a special board of education meeting.

#### **In Attendance:**

11 Directors – Jerry Belanger, Ellen Bellinger, Gloria Brown, George Fournier, Nancy Garry, Trish Kenefick, Paula Knight, Michelle LeBrun-Griffin, Joyce McAloon, Nancy Rogers, and Dianne Quinn

3 Volunteer Members – Lisa Cammuso, Sue Reisman and Katie Wade

0 Administrators

#### **Approval of Minutes** – January 11, 2021

Motion to approve – Ellen

Second Motion – George

Action: All In Favor. The minutes were approved.

#### **Approval of Treasurer's Report** - George

The February financial report includes \$559.10 from the shopping extravaganza and another \$574 for the Goralski scholarship. One of the 3 scholarship winners has not responded to requests for information from the college necessary to receive the scholarship.

Checking Balance \$24,831.90

Total Assets \$51,409.02

Motion to approve – George

Second Motion – Jerry

Action: All In Favor. The treasurer's report was approved.

George also reported that a 990N has been filed with the IRS for the 2021 calendar year.

#### **Chair Reports**

Paula reported that a PowerPoint presentation was well received by the JFK PTO. She is hoping to expand community outreach to groups such as the YMCA.

## **Committee Work**

### **a) Board Development – Jan via Gloria**

Having not heard otherwise, it is assumed that all present board members will continue next year.

### **b) Grant Committee – Jan via Gloria**

No grant applications have been received to date. The deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **c) Program Committee Report - Michelle**

- Michelle reported on the *Southington Public Schools' Social Justice Coalition* on which she has served as a parent and SEF representative. The coalition is in the process of transitioning from a district-based to a community-based entity.
- The Superintendent has gotten permission to repurpose a \$10,000 CFGNB grant to support this endeavor and is requesting the SEF serve as the “fiscal agent” or manager of funds.
- Michelle moved that SEF accept the school district’s request to serve as fiscal agent for the purpose of managing the \$10,000 CFGNB grant awarded to the *Community Coalition*. Joyce seconded the motion.
- Discussion points: SEF would get to keep a small percentage (typically 3-5%) for general funds; Coalition work is aligned with the SEF’s core values; and support will give SEF greater community exposure.
- Action: The motion passed unanimously.

### **d) Scholarship Committee – Susan**

- Katie and Susan met to review the procedures.
- The committee presently has 6 readers and would like more.
- Ann awaits a response from one of last year’s scholarship winners.

### **e) Marketing Committee – Lisa**

A PowerPoint presentation was made to JFK, as Paula reported earlier.

### **f) Spring for Education Gala – May 7th**

- George will order more card readers.
- George will delay the purchase of insurance until closer to the event.
- Jan has applied for a CFGNB grant for the gala.
- Joyce sent a letter to PTO presidents requesting their support of either a raffle basket or a contribution to the gala as well as attendance at the event.
- Joyce has requested a Golfing gift certificate for the raffle.

- The next planning committee meeting will be at 6:00 on February 21<sup>st</sup>. (Note earlier start time.)

**g) Honor an Educator – Joyce**

- Signs will go up on The Green and Town Hall in May.
- No further plans at this point.

**New Business**

**a) Robotics Team Request - Paula**

- The robotics team is again requesting our support. We were unable to honor their request last year.
- Paula motioned that SEF donate \$500 to the SPS Robotics Team 195, seconded by Trish.
- Discussion points included that we still have money allocated from the first round of grants that wasn't used.
- Action: The motion passed unanimously. George will send a check.

- b) A letter was received from friends of the Erardi family requesting support for Joe by making a donation to their Boston Marathon team, running to raise a substantial donation for cancer research. This information will be forwarded separately to all SEF members for their consideration.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:20.**

**Important Dates**

**Gala Committee** Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 on Zoom. All members are welcome!

**Next meeting** – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm on Zoom

**Spring Gala** – May 7<sup>th</sup>, The Back Nine

**Respectfully submitted,**

Ellen Bellinger, Secretary

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