

**Southington Education Foundation
Board Meeting
July 14, 2009
Minutes**

Members in attendance:

George Costanzo, Kelley Maccione, Bill Lutz, Ron Marut, Dawn Miceli, Dave Monti, Beth Pestillo, Tony Sheffy, Alan DeBisschop, Joe Erardi, Jerry Belanger, Joannie Conlon, Christine Connolly, Bonnie Sica, Linda Barmore, Diann Thomson, Spencer Richards, Liz Francis

Anthony Sheffy opened the meeting at 7:35

Board at Large Donations:

- Donations can be given to Alan DeBisschop or mailed to the Southington Education Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 42.

Corporation Formation:

- The Southington Education Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization
- We have not yet achieved tax-exempt status
- George has been working on the 501.c3 application and is almost ready to have it submitted
- At this time, we are accepting donations, however larger monetary gifts may not meet tax exempt requirements

Fundraising:

- Our kick-off event is scheduled for Friday, October 16th at Kay's Pier South
- The theme is "Fan of the Foundation"
- The evening will consist of a dinner dance, a couple of brief speakers, and presentations of the "Wall of Fame" winners and possible raffle items
- The cost and the menu still need to be finalized
- Tickets for the event need to be ready to sell at the August convocation
- The committee is already planning for the 2010 "big event"
- Mary DeCrose spoke on behalf of the Harvest the Arts Festival. She would like the money raised during the festival to go toward the Southington Education Foundation. This money would be earmarked as a donor designated gift toward the Arts. This festival will take place on October 9th-11th.

Convocation

- The convocation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26th at 8:00 a.m. at Southington High School
- A white board will be available to solicit ideas for the big ticket initiative
- Tickets will be sold at the convocation for the October event
- The Board at Large is encouraged to attend to help draw enthusiasm for the foundation

The next Board at Large meeting is scheduled for August 11th at 7:30 at The Board of Ed, 49 Beecher St. Executive Board members will meet at 6:30

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Pestillo