

**Southington Education Foundation  
Board at Large Meeting  
Minutes  
Tuesday, June 5, 2012**

**Attendance:** Jan Galati, Dawn Miceli, Dawn Dickau, Beth Pestillo, Kristen Freeman, Stephen Guidice, Dan Daigle, Dave Monti, Bill Lutz, Sherry Russman, Linda Flynn, Rick Veilleux, and Michelle Graveline.

**Call to order:** by Vice Chairwoman Jan Galati at 6:33 pm.

**Secretary's Report:** No report this meeting

**Treasurer's Report:** No report this meeting

**Committee Reports:**

1. **STEM Committee:** Dave reviewed the STEM initiative and the creation of a STEM center at Slopers for potential new members. The fourth graders returned to Slopers this Spring for another successful program. Prior to this year's SEF Gala, an announcement will be made regarding a large-scale fundraiser for the STEM building.
2. **Grant Committee:** Dawn reported Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>; 4pm at South End School will be the next grant awards reception. There are 4 grants being awarded for a total of \$10,000. More than \$55,000 in grants will have been awarded as of next week. Additionally, Ryan Lucas, owner of the Outback Steakhouse will be awarded the Vanguard Award for his service to our organization. Please join us.
3. **Communications:** Dawn presented information on the SEF Drive-In Event that will be on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers need to be there at 5pm, gates open at 6pm. We will need 15-18 volunteers in order to successfully to sell tickets, park cars and sell popcorn. Dawn will reach out to Eric Korp for pre-show entertainment. Linda will also look into the possibility of selling movie related items for extra earnings.
4. **Fundraising Committee:** Beth presented
  - An update on the Travelers Golf Tournament. Tickets are \$20, \$10 of that is profit for the SEF. We received great publicity through the United Way. Wednesday and Saturday tickets include a concert series. Children 15 and under are free. We sold 12 tickets.
  - The Gala will be held Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Aqua Turf. This year's event will be held in a smaller room and we will be providing hors d'oeuvres and food stations. Kim DiFusco will be co-chairing this year's event with Beth. Sheet was

passes around to sign up for particular functions. More information will follow once Kim and Beth have met.

- Professional fundraiser Carol Robbins was hired by the SEF. She will be focusing on corporate sponsorship. We will have the opportunity to meet Carol at the Grants Reception.

The next Executive Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 12, at 6:30 at Hatton School.

The next BAL Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Hatton School.

Motion to adjourn made by Jan Galati and seconded by Bill Lutz at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Flynn

Recorder