

Southington Education Foundation
Executive Board Meeting
January 14, 2014

Minutes

Attendance:

D. Miceli, J. Galati, B. Pestillo, A. DeBisschop, T. Sheffy, B. Hosmer, S. Giudice, J. Erardi, S. Proffitt, Jerry Belanger

Call to Order: Made by Dawn at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Beth P. to approve the 11/12/13 minutes. Motion seconded by Beth H. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Beth H. to accept the treasurer's report as read. Motion seconded by Jan. Motion passed.

Chairman's Report:

- a. Lowe's Grant – Sloper Enhancements: The SEF has an opportunity to partner with YMCA/ Camp Sloper and the BOE to apply for a Lowe's grant. This grant will provide building enhancements to the ongoing 4th grade Camp Sloper initiative by providing a nature center building. The board approved to pursue further information and details.
- b. Panera Bread Fundraising Opportunity: Panera Bread will be holding a "Share the Love" fundraiser on Saturday February 15th from 4:30-6:30pm. For \$10, guests will enjoy a complete meal, baker item and beverage. All proceeds will be donated to the SEF. Board approved this generous offer. Dawn will notify Panera Bread. Beth H. will send notification of event through the SPS website. Guests can RSVP at www.SouthingtonPaneraSEF.eventbrite.com

Vice Chair's Report:

- a. Database Discussion Inc. Feb. Presentation: Guy Iccarino will speak to the board at our February meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to assess the needs of the foundation in terms of data management and provide us with possible options and opportunities for growth and better efficiency. Any costs for services would have to be budgeted.
- b. Relay for Life: Jan has emailed board members to seek interested participants for the May30-31st event. Relay for Life will continue as an agenda item for further discussion.
- c. BAL meeting: The next BAL meeting will be held Thursday, March 6th at South End School. Jan will approach grant recipients Ellen Bellinger/ Life Cycle of a Chicken and Mary Jane Sullivan/Ukulele Buddies to present on their initiatives. Other discussion topics will focus on upcoming events including 2014 gala date, spelling bee, and any updates on database management.
- d. Jan passed out an up to date board directory.
- e. Jan discussed an article she read about ABCs of boards and development of our board membership. Options discussed included disseminating membership packets electronically and assigning mentors to new members.

Committee Reports:

STEM Initiative

1. VSU Update: Joe reported that to date we have 20 teachers interested in the VSU teams. We still need representation from the 2nd grade. Dale Riedinger and John Duffy will be in charge of coordinating teams and accepting lesson design plans/units. Joe will be gathering with all the interested staff within the next two weeks for commitment and readiness. Sirjan Xhurxhi, intern, will be working on the website. www.Sirjan.xhurxhi.ge.com
2. Scholarship Committee: Jan and Beth H. will meet within the upcoming weeks.

Nomination Committee

1. Slate of New Directors: The nominating committee put forth its recommended Slate of directors, replacing board members Dawn Miceli, Beth Pestillo, and Steve Giudice. The new directors will begin their 3 year term on April 1st. Dawn will send out the official notification and welcome.

Motion: Tony made the motion to accept the slate of directors as presented:

Jerry Belanger
Rick Veilleux
Michelle LeBrun Griffin

Motion seconded by Alan

Motion passed

2. Term Discussion: Jan provided a list of director terms for clarification. A running list of past directors should be kept on website. Beth P. will add the names of exiting directors to the SEF plaque.

Fundraising

1. Fan of the Foundation 2014 Contract: Our Gala is scheduled for Friday, October 24th. Butch Gray has been booked to DJ the event.
2. Spelling Bee 2014: The spelling Bee will be on Wednesday, April 23rd in the Southington High School auditorium. Alan will reach out to Joe Furey to once again be our Bee Master for the event.

Grants

A grant reception will be planned at the end of the year for all grants awarded this school year. At this time, two grants have been funded however we are still taking applications.

New Business: To recognize in appreciation, a list of all 2013 donors to the SEF will be posted on the board in the Municipal Center.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Alan to adjourn and seconded by Beth P. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Next meeting: February 11, 2014 at 6:30 in the Municipal Center

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Pestillo

Secretary