

Southington Education Foundation
Executive Board Meeting
Minutes
February 17, 2013

Attendance: Bill Lutz, Beth Pestillo, Tony Sheffy, Jan Galati, Dawn Miceli, Dr. Erardi, Kim DiFusco,

Call to order: by Dawn Miceli at 7:11 p.m. at the home of Dr. Erardi.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Bill and seconded by Beth to accept the minutes of the January 8th meeting. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Alan DeBisschop, Beth provided a verbal report. Motion by Bill and seconded by Tony to accept and place this report on file. All in favor.

Committee Reports:

- **Nominations Committee:**

- Kim reported progress: Steve Giudice and Steve Proffitt have both expressed a willingness to serve on the Executive Board
- Jan reported that she is working on contacting another member.
- Beth expressed a willingness to act as secretary for the next term.

- **STEM**

- Tony lead the STEM committee as Dave Monti steps down from the executive board; motion by Jan and seconded by Beth; all in favor
- Tony reported on meeting (with Justin Mirante and Dr. Semmel) to discuss the role that the SHS technology students might play in the pre-fabbing of the STEM building
- Bill reported on meeting with Dale Reidinger regarding the extent of participation by Southington students. She now envisions grades 3-4-5; middle school; courses at SHS specific to STEM. Dale recognizes the need for the YMCA staff to be on Camp Sloper grounds when students are on the field. Additionally, Bill stated that both the YMCA and the SEF are in agreement regarding construction needs of the building.
- Bill reported on contact with Friar Associates regarding cost per sq. foot and total cost.
- Dr. Erardi listed the four next steps: sign contract, YMCA Executive Board endorsement, SEF Executive Board endorsement, and launch capital campaign
- Dawn reported the following means of fundraising for STEM:
H Q Waste Collection services (Kurt Hollis) will provide \$25 for every new customer who signs up for one year of service and is referred by the SEF. Ann Micacci has a list through her real estate office. Dawn will work with Ann to create a letter that new customers can complete for SEF benefit. All in attendance were in favor of this process.

- **Vice-Chair's Report**
 - Three presentations by grant recipients at the March 6th BAL meeting at Plantsville Elementary.
- **Fundraising**
 - Spelling Bee to be held April 4th at SHS
 - Bill will be sending a personal letter to donors for school specific grants.
- **Grant Committee**
 - Deadline for spring grant applications is March 8th.
- **Teacher Recognition:** Tony has it on his "To-Do" list.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40. The next executive board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 at Hatton School.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Galati, reporter