

Southington Education Foundation
Executive Board Meeting
June 10, 2013

Minutes

Attendance: J. Galati, A. DeBisschop, T. Sheffy,, B. Hosmer, Michelle Lebrun-Griffin, S. Proffitt, J. Belanger, Rick Veilleux, Karen Smith

Call to Order: Made by Jan at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Alan to approve the May 13, 2014 minutes. Motion seconded by Tony . Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Rick to accept the treasurer's report . Motion seconded by Jerry. Motion passed.

Presentation on Third Grade Art Work Initiative: Karen Smith provided information regarding the components of this project, the initial grant to the National Endowment of the Arts, and the potential funding by the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain. There was a great deal of discussion about this project. A motion was made by Alan and seconded by Tony. The motion was passed unanimously by the directors in attendance. See below for the final proposal.

1. The Southington Educational Foundation agrees to a 2 year commitment to fund the SPS Grade 3 Art Project Initiative as follows:

A. In 2014-2015, year one (1) of the initiative, the SEF agrees to commit \$5200.00 in conjunction with CFGNB's Commitment of \$15,600 (in a ratio of 3:1) and in addition the SEF agrees to commit additional funding up to \$4800 for busing to and from the NBMAA.

B. In 2015-2016, year two (2) of the initiative, the SEF agrees to commit \$5200 in conjunction with the CFGNB Commitment of \$15,600 (in a 3:1 ratio) contingent on the SPS securing the NEA grant.

Chairman's Report:

Little GreenLight Database-A FREE subscription has started and Robin is inputting data. \$439.00 is due July 1. Jan would like Robin to include the Fan of the Foundation in the database. Jerry can send Robin a list of members and it will include deleted bounces.

CFGNB Sponsorship Awards Application- Jan will look into this.

Vice Chair's Report:

None.

Committee Reports

STEM Initiative:

VSU Follow up-Alan spoke to John Duffy about more lessons that will be available in the future. Beth H has made plans to meet with John after school gets out to post the VSU plans on the SPS website. Also members discussed what to do about the remaining amount of money that was not spent on the initial grant applications. Originally, the SEF allocated \$13,500 for VSU grants. Dr. Erardi thought this would be a great way to light the fire so to speak. As we have spent \$9,500 what should we do with the rest of the money. Rick believes that we funded the original group and the BOE should support this venture moving forward. Alan mentioned using the money for Professional Development, Tony said if it is certain there are two more units then he was willing to give them the money to get the units online.

Ribbon cutting YMCA Nature-SEF/STEM building-June 12-RSVP to Donna Ayer if anyone in the group plans to attend. The time is 6-7 pm.

Grant Committee:

The grant reception was held at Thalberg Elementary school on June 5, 2014. Presentations were made by the three grant awardees. Beth H will follow up with contacting current members of the grant committee to see if they will continue to serve. If there are openings, she will contact people that expressed interest at the Board at Large meeting.

Fundraising:

Drive In Movie-Had 374 cars and 249 walk ins for the movie. Many executive members, families and other groups came to assist with parking, concessions and tickets. No final amount of money raised is available as yet.

Gala-Monday, June 23 at 6:30 pm, Steve Proffitt will hold a meeting at his house. This is a planning meeting and all are encouraged to attend.

Amazon Smile-Jerry talked to us as it is a way for the SEF to raise money. There is no cost involved and the SEF should make people aware of this fundraising opportunity. Go to Amazon's website for a list of rules, minimum donation amounts, etc.

Communications: Executive Board photo is originally scheduled for July 8. The date has been changed to June 17 at 5:00 pm.

Scholarship: Jan read the two scholarships with changes made from the last meeting. Everyone agreed the words "in good standing" will be included in both and that the scholarships will be reviewed in a blind process. Michelle made the motion to accept the scholarships and all voted in favor.

New Business:

New Members wanted.

Apple Harvest Parade Tshirts-It has been a few years since the SEF has purchased new t shirts for the members.

Old Business:

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Jan to adjourn and seconded by xxx. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting: July 8, 2014 at the municipal building.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hosmer

Secretary