

Southington Education Foundation
Executive Board Meeting
July 2, 2013

Minutes

Attendance:

D. Miceli, J. Galati, B. Pestillo, A. DeBisschop, T. Sheffy, K. DiFusco, B. Hosmer, S. Proffitt, J. Erardi

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Beth P. to approve the 6/11/13 minutes. Motion seconded by Kim. Motion passed

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

Chairman's Report:

The Cyber Knights sent a "Thank You" for our donation as part of our new STEM initiative.

We have committed up to \$12,500 for the 3rd grade art project. That amount is contingent upon receiving a grant. The grant is still in the application process.

Vice Chair's Report: There will be a meeting for the BAL in September. Jan is in the process of compiling information for the agenda.

Project STEM:

STEM Conference Debriefing - Tony reported that Joyce McAloon and Christopher Richter went to a conference in Texas to learn about the direction of STEM initiatives across the state and on national level. The idea of a STEM virtual university was presented. This would be collaborative effort between the Southington School System, BOE and the SEF. Teachers would be able to use this as a resource for STEM centered instruction. The BOE will need to dictate the district needs and curriculum for such project. The first of several meetings will take place on July 23rd with SEF, BOE and Southington School members to further discuss the possibilities of a Virtual STEM University and what it would entail.

Project STEM - The SEF website has a link to our Project STEM initiatives. Kim will put together the bulletin board at the municipal center with information on Project STEM.

Convocation STEM Video - Dawn will put together a video for convocation and launch Project STEM.

Grant Committee:

The grant reception was held on June 12th at Kennedy Middle School. Articles on the new programs have appeared in the newspapers. Grant recipients took their posters for display in their classroom. One recipient will be relocating to a different school. Per grant guidelines, the grant program will follow her as long as the program is compatible with her new assignment.

Fundraising:

Fan of the Foundation - Kim will put out an email to board members with meeting dates. There is a need for members to sign up to solicit auction items. Kim will coordinate that process. The theme of the gala continues to be "Tailgating at the Turf" with a tailgating menu for dinner.

Corporate Sponsorship - Beth P. has coordinated sponsorship sign up. The letters and information needed will be ready to distribute to board members within the next few days. Everyone is strongly encouraged to reach out to any businesses they may have a personal connection with for their support.

Invitation Database - Alan and Beth H. will work together to keep track and update the SEF database. This will be needed in time for the gala invitations. Dawn and Beth P. will send them the contact information.

New Business:

Motion: Jan made a motion to open the doors to the STEM University with the \$12,500 seed money needed to continue the 4th grade STEM initiative at Camp Sloper.

Motion seconded by Tony

Motion passed

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

Next meeting: August, 13 2013 at 6:30 at the municipal center

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Pestillo

Secretary