

## Southington Education Foundation

### Executive Board Meeting

October 11, 2011

### Minutes

#### Attendance:

B. Lutz, G. Costanzo, D. Monti, R. Marut, B. Pestillo, A. DeBisschop, T. Sheffy, J. Galati

Dr. Erardi (absent) D. Miceli (left early)

**Call to Order:** by Bill Lutz at 6:28

**Secretary's Report** accepted: motion by Dave and seconded by Ron.

**Treasurer's Report** by Alan indicated assets of \$55,565.35. (This does not include SEF share of proceeds from the Drive-in fundraiser in June). Report accepted: motion by Ron and seconded by Beth.

**STEM:** Tony reported that the YMCA is committed to the STEM building at Slopers. Dave reported that the STEM committee's recent meeting included Dale Redinger reporting on progress of the fall curriculum.

#### Fundraising:

- Beth reported on the progress of the Fan of the Foundation Gala. She forecasts a greater number of sponsorships but in lesser monetary amounts.
- Architects for the Middle Schools and North Center (Borghesi and FletcherThompson) are possible sponsors. Bill and Dawn will make contact.
- October 18 at BOE for drop off and tagging pictures.
- Dave suggested pictures of students at Slopers fall Curriculum activities be included in the slide show at the Gala. Bill said he would follow up with Dawn.
- Community Foundation of Greater New Britain: Jim Williamson's phone call to Bill was a proposal for a challenge grant. Bill will contact Jim with the following information:
  - Possible two- part challenge grant tied to SEF gala (\$5,000) and then end of year proceeds (\$5,000)
  - Public recognition of the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain at all SEF functions
  - A representative of the CFGNB sit on the grant committee as an observer

#### Campaign for STEM Building at Slopers:

- January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 Executive Board will meet at Tony's home to discuss Fundraising Campaign for the STEM building

- Tony will provide a rendering of the building with the projected cost for such project
- Publicity for the Fundraising Campaign committee was moved to table until next meeting by Tony and then seconded by Dave; all in attendance were in favor.

**Request to allow other organizations to use SEF 501-C3 status:**

- Christine Boulanger's (grant writer) requested \$10,000 grant for a van for Southington special education students.
- Although the members expressed an interest in such an educational request it was stated that it appears to be outside of our purview.
- Furthermore, there is concern about whether support of such a grant might set a problematic precedent. Tony will discuss matter with other CT foundations
- Bill will contact Christine about the status: investigating this request.

**New Business**

- Dawn will contact Dr. Erardi about clarification of ambassadorships
- Content to be communicated by ambassadors will be discussed at a future meeting

**Next BAL Meeting is moved to Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup>** due to the November 8<sup>th</sup> Election.

- Jan will contact members about this change.

**Adjournment:** Bill adjourned meeting at 7:28; motion made by Ron and seconded by Dave.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Galati

Secretary