

Southington Education Foundation

November 12, 2024

7:00 p.m.

On Zoom

In Attendance:

9 Directors: Lisa Cammuso, Katie Wade, Dianne Quinn, Nancy Rogers, Ellen Bellinger, Jan Galati, Trish Kenefick, Paula Knight, Michelle LeBrun-Griffin
Administrator: Frank Pepe

Welcome/Call to Order:

Katie called the meeting to order at 7:04.

Approval of the October 2024 Minutes:

Dianne corrected the October current balance figure to read \$52,487.88.
Ellen moved acceptance of the minutes as amended. Dianne seconded the motion and it passed with Jan abstaining.

Treasurer's Report:

Dianne reported the current balance of \$50,904.88. Application for our insurance renewal, due in January, is underway.
Trish moved acceptance of the report, Paula seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Superintendent's Report:

Frank reported that the elementary school administrators had a demonstration of Building Thinking Classrooms curriculum and reacted with comments that it was a "great experience". The district roll out has begun.

Committee Work:

Scholarship: Ann

Ann reported to Katie that her committee is "all set" to advance.

Events: Nancy and Paula

Just for You flyer is ready for distribution. Members will meet for brunch before shopping together. Ellen will coordinate this gathering.

Michelle is working on finding an alternative venue for **Trivia Night**, which most likely be held in January.

Trisha will report about the status of the **Basketball Event** at the next meeting. The date for the **Cider Tasting** is May 21, 2025.

The Events Meeting scheduled for November 13th has been cancelled.

Programs: Michelle

An application has been submitted to the Main Street Community Foundation on behalf of the Building Thinking Classrooms curriculum. Katie and Lisa will meet with the foundation this week and anticipate a positive response.

Grants: Jan

The deadline for this round of grant applications was today, but Jan reported none were received. The next deadline is January 9. Jan will reach out to promote this initiative. The district will also distribute promotional materials.

Board Development: Jan

Jan urged members to be on the lookout for prospective board members and officers.

Other Business:

Board members who attended the demonstration of the Building Thinking Classrooms curriculum reported being impressed and enthusiastic about the level of engagement demonstrated by the students.

There being no further business to come before the board, Paula moved to adjourn at 7:30, Lisa seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Grants Committee – Monday, November 25 at 6:30 on Zoom

Just for You Gift Shoppe – Saturday, December 7 10-5, with brunch event TBA

General Meeting – Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 on Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Rogers

Corresponding Secretary

Mission: The Southington Education Foundation, Inc. is committed to instilling a life-long love of learning in all children through innovative, creative learning experiences that expand upon existing educational opportunities. The Foundation will partner with the community to secure resources, inspire excellence and enrich student achievement.

Core Values: Innovation, Learning, Equity, School-Community Partnership, Integrity