

Southington Education Foundation

June 3, 2025

6:30 PM

Southington Y Conference Room

In Attendance:

11 Directors: Lisa Cammuso, Katie Wade, Ellen Bellinger, Jerry Belanger, Trish Kenefick, Nancy Garry, Ann Taylor, Jan Galati, Michelle LeBrun-Griffin, Nancy Rogers and Dianne Quinn.

2 Volunteers: Patricia Gagliardi and Julie Barnofski

Welcome/Call to Order:

Lisa called the meeting to order at 6:37.

Approval of the April 2025 Minutes: (Nancy R)

Trish moved acceptance of the April 8, 2025 minutes. Jan seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Dianne)

- The current checking account balance is \$57,198.34.
- Deposits included:
 - Cash and checks from ticket sales: \$1980
 - Donation NBT: \$500
 - Donation Derynoski Elementary School PTO: \$150
 - Donation Wade Family: \$300
 - Interest: \$7.21

Expenses included:

Blue Host: \$229.59 (with a refund of \$13.71)

Seed money for Tasting event: \$100

Dianne reported that the profit realized from the Tasting fundraiser netted \$7961, with two additional donations of \$500 from the Rotary Club and \$150 from the JFK PTO still forthcoming, bringing it to \$8611.

The raffle brought in \$390 and the auction \$1740 of this profit.

Nancy G moved acceptance of the report, Trish seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Board Development:

Jan reflected on the future of SEF, particularly with regard to leadership and the current allotment of time spent, noting that half the time is spent on fundraising, a quarter on othercommittee work and another quarter on time spent by officers.

Jan solicited opinions on how SEF should proceed: Status quo? Dissolve? Evolve?

The consensus reached among board members during the discussion that followed was was enthusiastic for evolving by recruiting more active members and planning strategically for the future.

Katie and Lisa will provide an opportunity for members to convene this summer to think about goals for SEF that will bring us forward into the future thoughtfully.

Jan announced that the Slate of Officers for 2025-2026 is:

Katie Wade and Lisa Cammuso: Co-Chairs

Michelle LeBrun-Griffin: Treasurer

Ellen Bellinger: Corresponding Secretary

Nancy Rogers: Recording Secretary
Patricia Gagliardi: Chair Elect

Katie moved to accept this slate. Trish seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Committee Work:

Scholarship: (Ann)

Ann met with the awardees and received a thank you note from Natalie Lukanik, which she shared with the board.

Events: (Nancy G and Paula)

Volunteers are still need for the **Drive-In** on Saturday, June 7th. 20 volunteers are required and only 16 have signed up to date. The movie is Shrek, which should be popular, but rain is forecast. Contact Michelle to sign up.

Basketball is still scheduled for November 16. Trish and Paula will work on details to present to the board at a later date.

A discussion about other future events will be part of the strategic planning session to be held at a date to be determined this summer.

[Please note that that date is now Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30, location TBA.

Grants: (Jan)

Jan passed out a sheet detailing grants awarded during 2024-2025, noting that allocations totaled \$7,919.53.

Other Business:

Summarizing the year in review, SEF also contributed \$9,975 to the STEPS initiative providing every elementary student in the Southington Pubic Schools with the opportunity to develop skills for physical and mental health. SEF also contributed \$1500 to the SHS robotics team, The CyberKnights, whose mission is to involve the community in celebrating science and technology.

Jan conducted the installation ceremony for all the officers for 2025-2026.

Jerry moved that the meeting dates for next year are: 9/9; 10/14; 11/18; 12/9; 1/13; 2/10; 3/10; 4/14; 5/12; and 6/2. Michelle seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Adjournment:

There being no additional business, Ellen moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:09. Katie seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Rogers
Recording Secretary