



Southington Education Foundation

January 12, 2021
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
E-Meeting on Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Quorum= 7

10 of 13 Directors Present: Jerry Belanger, Ellen Bellinger, George Fournier, Jan Galati, Trish Kennefick, Paula Knight, Michelle LeBrun-Griffin, Joyce McAloon, Ann Taylor, and Dianne Quinn

2 Volunteer Members Present: Nancy Garry and Susan Reisman

1. **Call to Order/Communications** – Paula
 - a. Paula called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
 - b. Paula thanked Dianne for the Quinn Foundation's \$5,000 donation. George apologized for not acknowledging the donation sooner as the letter had not been addressed directly to him so it wasn't opened.

2. **Approval of Minutes** - Ellen
 - a. With no additions or corrections noted, Joyce moved and Trish seconded approval of the November 10, 2020 minutes. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.
 - b. With no additions or corrections noted, Michelle moved and Jan seconded approval of the December 15, 2020 minutes. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report** - George
 - a. **January report**
 - CHECKING-- \$17,483.44
 - TOTAL ASSETS—\$18,710.94
 - A discussion took place concerning the need for insurance coverage since we can't hold events during a pandemic. George will send out the policy to interested people.
 - All contributions from the Shopping Extravaganza have not come in yet. To date we have received \$562.12 from businesses.
 - We received \$1,000 for our help with Southington Drive-In events.

- We received a \$100 donation from Dave Monti and a \$97.50 donation from Matt Galati.
- We received a \$687.50 donation from Hartford Fire Insurance through the *Benevity Community Impact Fund*, an online giving platform. George explained that we have received donations from other groups through this platform in the past.
- Jan reminded us that we are allowed to use the \$500 grant received from CFGNB for the gala for other purposes. It has been largely unspent. SEF can request a CFGNB grant every fall.
- Jerry moved acceptance of the 1/12/21 treasurer's report, seconded by Jan. All were in favor. The treasurer's report was accepted.

4. Grant Committee - Jan

- a. New Grants - One grant application was received ahead of the 1/11/21 deadline. The Grant Committee will meet at 6:30 on January 25.
- b. Grant Publicity
 - Jan sent press releases out to local papers for the last grant.
 - Jerry will help Jan with publicity promoting SEF accomplishments.
 - Nancy will help create short video clips to post on social media touting SEF accomplishments, possibly interviews of past recipients.
- c. Tie to Honor an Educator?

The banner that Joyce ordered is on display at Town Hall. It reads, "Thank a Southington School Hero" with our logo and website URL. It can stay up for a couple of months.



5. Board Development - Jan

- a. Jan reviewed the by-laws regarding Directorships, explaining duties and responsibilities that go with the position.

b. Michelle and Jerry will be completing their 2nd terms. Ann will be completing her first term. It is hoped they will continue.

c. Ellen will help Jan on the nominating committee.

6. Membership – Jan

a. All members are asked to think about people / offer some names of people who might be interested in SEF membership.

b. Michelle/Jan will draft a generic letter for seeking new members.

c. Nancy, Paula, Michelle, and Jan will meet to discuss a membership campaign.

7. Resource Development / Fundraising

a. Kudos the Nancy & Joyce for their awesome work on the Shopping Extravaganza. There is much interest in continuing and expanding next year.

b. Jerry suggested the possibility of an SEF “Pub Crawl”.

c. SEF Gala Celebration –

- Shall we try plan for fall or wait until winter or spring?
- Timing will depend on vaccination rollout.
- To be placed on the February agenda.

8. **Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

9. Dates to Calendar:

Next Regular Meeting - February 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Grant Committee Meeting - January 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Bellinger, 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