



Southington Education Foundation

September 8, 2020
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, Gloria Brown, Denise Carabetta, George Fournier, Trish Kennefick, Paula Knight, JoyceMcAloon, Ann Taylor, and Dianne Quinn

2 Volunteer Members Present: Lisa Cammuso and Nancy Garry

1. **Call to Order/Communications** – Paula

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.
- b. A communication was received from Jan that she needed to take a step back from her SEF duties for a bit due to serious health concerns for her son.
- c. Paula acknowledged Jan and Michelle for their work on writing and revising our social justice statement, and to Jerry for getting it out on the website and social media.
- d. Dawn Micelli thanked SEF for their help at the drive-in. It is not certain if we will be getting a distribution from it.

2. **Approval of 8/18/20 Minutes** (Ellen)

Trish moved and Jerry seconded approval of the August minutes.
All in favor. The minutes were approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report** (George)

a. **Monthly report**

CHECKING-- \$11,151.86
BALANCE/ASSETS—\$16,151.86

- \$3,000 was set aside for scholarships awarded in 2020
- \$2,000 was set aside for SEF business expenses
- \$20.56 was received from United Way
- Joyce moved acceptance of the treasurer's report, seconded by Jerry. All in favor. The treasurer's report was accepted.

4. **Work Plan and Committees** (Paula)

Please review the 2021 Work Plan, contact Paula with any comments or suggestions. It will be on the agenda for the October meeting.

5. **Committee Work**

a. **Grant Committee** (Denise)

- I. No grant applications have been received to date.
- II. Questions were raised about whether teachers had been informed about the mini-grants. Denise will touch base with central office to see if letters had been sent out to teachers.
- III. Jerry suggested using Constant Contact to get the word out, as well as FaceBook and Instagram.

b. **Resource Development**

i. Thank-A-Teacher (Paula)

- i. A committee was formed: Paula, Ellen, Trish, Dianne, Joyce, Jerry, Nancy, Ann, Gloria, and Lisa.
- ii. A date was set to meet the next day (8/9/20) to pick up where it was left for the summer and to continue into the next phase.

ii. Just-For-You-Gifts Holiday Shopping (Joyce)

A shopping date was set for December 5th, 10-5.
Joyce will create a flier for PTO's and the website.

c. **Marketing/Outreach** (Joyce)

New PTO officers have yet to be posted on the SPS website. Joyce will try to connect.

School Ambassador Assignments were updated: Depaolo-Lisa, DES-Jan, Flanders-Joyce, Hatton-Paula, Kennedy-Gloria, Kelly-Joyce, Oshana-Ann, SHS-Michelle, South End-Lisa, Thalberg-Ellen

Other possible business outreach

Members will check in with businesses such as Board & Brush, liquor stores, and restaurants for possible fundraising opportunities.

d. Scholarships (Ann)

SEF will need to commit to scholarship funding amounts by November.
A final decision will be made at the October meeting.

6. Review of “To-Dos” / Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

7. Next Zoom Meeting: October 8, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

8. Dates to Calendar

December 5, 10-5:00 Just-For-You Gifts

Spring TBA - SEF Celebration Event – Mt. Southington Ski Area Mountain Room

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