

Southington Education Foundation

Board at Large Meeting

Minutes

June 5, 2014

Attendees: Jan Galati, Kim DiFusco, Steve Proffitt, Jerry Belanger, Bill Lutz, Linda Flynn, Donna Gilewski, George Fournier, Eva Nadolski, Steve Guidice, Beth Pestillo, Dawn Miceli, Michelle Griffin, Beth Hosmer

Attendance: Call to order: by Vice Chairwoman Kim DiFusco at 6:35 pm.

Secretary's Report: No report this meeting

Treasurer's Report: No report this meeting

Chairman's Report: Jan reported:

- o a successful Spelling Bee which raised \$8,000.
- o SEF was awarded a plaque by the Order of the Blue Nights at Southington High School which will hang in the Municipal Center on the SEF bulletin board.
- o SEF to date has given away \$130,000 over five years.
- o Robin Taillie has volunteered to assist with the new constituency relationship management system.
- o SEF will once again host the Drive-in opener of Jaws. Any available members are asked to join and help out at the event.

Committee Reports:

- **STEM Committee:** Jan reports: please save the date for the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new YMCA Nature Center and SEF STEM Laboratory. June 12, from 6-7pm at YMCA Camp Sloper. This event solidifies our commitment to the five prong commitment.
- **Grant Committee:** Beth Hosmer reported on the grants award reception. There were two grants presented on June 4th at Thalberg Elementary School. The first grant was awarded to Chanel Curtin, to start a robotics team next fall through the national program First Lego League. The second grant was awarded to Marion Virello of South End School, the food services manager, and Ellen Bellinger, a first grade teacher, combined to create an indoor organic vegetable garden.

- **Communications:** Jerry reported that the SEF Facebook page has 258 likes and we are looking to increase this amount. He also presented website statistics on how many visitors opened the SEF Newsletter.
- **Fundraising Committee:** Steve P. presented
 - The Gala will be held Friday, October 24th at the Aqua Turf.
 - Steve will hold a Gala meeting on June 23rd, 6:30pm at his home. All are welcome to join to kick off a strong event this year.
 - Need members to solicit for donations and sponsorships.

The next BAL Meeting will be held on September 4th

Motion to adjourn made by Jan Galati and seconded by Bill Lutz at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Flynn

Recorder