

**Southington Education Foundation  
Executive Board Meeting  
Minutes  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Attendance:** Jan Galati, Dawn Miceli, Beth Pestillo, Alan DeBisschop, Joe Erardi, Tony Sheffy, Dave Monti, Bill Lutz, and Kim DiFusco.

**Call to order** by Chairwoman Dawn Miceli at 6:34 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes for the December 11th meeting were tabled due to the secretary's absence.

**Treasurer's Report:** Alan presented this report highlighting recent donations made. Tony made a motion to accept and Bill seconded this motion. Report was accepted.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Chairman's Report**
  - A State of the Southington Education Foundation will be presented Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Board of Education meeting.
  - Search engine called Good Search is a possible means of generating income through shopping online.
  - Looking for a means of Teacher Recognition. Tony offered to work on an outline.
- **Vice-chairman's Report**
  - March Board at Large meeting will be changed to Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> to accommodate teachers' meetings held on Tuesdays.
  - Invitations will be mailed to previous grant recipients by the end of January.
- **STEM Committee**
  - Tony will meet with Justin Mirante and Dr. Semmel concerning a partnership with technology
  - Bill reported that he has a meeting with Adam Palmer of Friar Associates regarding interior renderings and a budget for the STEM building. Bill will forward information to the directors, i.e., spreadsheet, renderings, budget, etc. as this information is forthcoming.
  - Capital Campaign meeting to discuss potential donors will be held at Dr. Erardi's home on Feb. 17th
- **Grant Committee**
  - Beth's recent meeting with the administration to discuss the grant process went favorably
  - Beth made a motion that grant awards be suspended after the next round of grants for Spring 2013 so that financial resources can be focused on the STEM

initiative. Teachers will still be able to come before the board to submit ideas for funding. All directors were in favor of this proposal.

- The Grant Presentation ceremony will be held January 17th at 4:00 p.m. at DES
- **Fundraising Committee**
  - Kim reported that Linda Flynn is requesting a count for the Outback Luncheon on January 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 12:00 noon. Tickets allow entrance into one winter sporting event at SHS
  - Alan reported that the Spelling Bee is set for April 4<sup>th</sup> with Joe Fury as MC again.
  - Discussion of new ideas:
    - ❖ Recycling Day: charge for shredding documents service
    - ❖ Drawing for College Tuition: a raffle that would require raising \$50,000 to give away \$25,000 to \$35,000
    - ❖ Road Race would require hiring a company to oversee this endeavor
- **New Business**
  - Nomination Committee:
    - ❖ Kim volunteered to oversee with assistance from Jan
    - ❖ For Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Board meeting: Slate of possible Board of Large members fill three openings
  - Executive Board Directors' terms end for Dave, Bill and Ron

The next Executive Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Bill and seconded by Beth at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Galati

Recorder