

**Southington Education Foundation
Executive Board Meeting
November 10, 2009
Minutes**

Members in Attendance:

Dr. Erardi, Kelley Maccione, Ron Marut, Dawn Miceli, Dave Monti, Beth Pestillo, Tony Sheffy, Bill Lutz, Alan DeBisschop, George Costanzo

Anthony Alan Sheffy opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Ron Marut made a motion to accept the 10/13/09 minutes

Dave Monti seconded the motion

Treasurers Report

- We have a balance of \$18,073.84 in our account.
- There are some outstanding checks that need to be collected from the fundraiser.
- The Fan of the Foundation event brought in \$29,000 from ticket sales. Our expenses totaled \$14,707.42, leaving us with a profit of \$14,292.58
- Alan is working on a budget to present at our next meeting. We will allocate funds into designated accounts and begin funding mini grants.
- Bill Lutz made a motion to accept the treasurer's report
- Dawn Miceli seconded the motion

Fundraising

- There was a positive response from those attending the Fan of the Foundation. The board has been collecting feedback and will discuss suggestions and needed modifications for next year. Congratulations to Kelley and Joannie for organizing a very successful event!
- The Executive board was very pleased with the turn out and profit. Some concern was brought up about the low ticket sales from teachers.
- Thank You cards have been printed and will be sent out.
- The next fundraiser will be in January at the Outback. Tickets will be sold for \$25.

Grants

- George has sent out letters to the civic organizations soliciting funds.
- George is working on the procedure and criteria for applying for a grant. The board would like to begin accepting and funding mini grants at the start of the year.

Superintendent

- If decided upon, Dr. Erardi will discuss with the Board of Education having a liaison on the foundation board.
- The General Manager at the Outback is interested in offering a monthly recognition program for staff or student of the month.
- Dr. Erardi offered some ideas for large ticket item funding. Among those mentioned and to be discussed, was assisting the Early Childhood Collaborative and Family Resource Center, summer enrichment program, TV/radio station, Bio Bus, and FLES program (Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools).
- We will look into soliciting large foundations to help fund specific projects.

Publicity

- An article for Principal of the Day winner has been in the paper. Other articles and pictures should be in the papers soon.
- Pictures from the fundraiser are on the website. If you have not been on the website, please check it out at www.southingtoneducationfoundation.org
- Dawn is working on the newsletter. We need to create a database to send it out. Minimal information was collected at the fundraiser for the database. Dave Monti will work on compiling a list of e-mail addresses from our fans of the foundation.

Board at large

- We currently have 4 openings on the board at large. We are accepting nominations so that we may fill those seats as soon as possible

Meeting Schedule

- Our next **Executive Board** meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 at Hatton School
- The next **Board at Large** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 at Hatton School

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Kelley seconded the motion

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Pestillo