



Southington Education Foundation

December 14, 2021

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Call to Order – Gloria Brown called the meeting at 6:33pm. Katie Wade was introduced and welcomed as our newest volunteer member. Katie brings a wealth of experience to SEF.

In Attendance:

7 Directors - Ellen Bellinger, Gloria Brown, George Fournier, Jan Galati, Nancy Garry, Paula Knight, and Michelle LeBrun-Griffin
3 Volunteer Members – Lisa Camusso, Sue Reisman, and Katie Wade
1 Administrator – Frank Pepe

Approval of Minutes - November 9, 2021

First Motion – Jan

Second Motion – Michelle

All In Favor. The minutes were approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report - George

Current totals reflect receipt of a \$300 donation to the Brian Goralski Scholarship and \$14,250 from Bradley Barnes, as well as our annual insurance payment.

Checking Balance \$22,388.17

Total Assets \$49,465.29

First Motion – Paula

Second Motion – Jan

All In Favor. The treasurer's report was approved.

Chair Reports

Gloria – A presentation to school administrators was well received. Brochures and business cards were distributed. The Chamber's Sip and Shop event went well. Many in attendance had not known about SEF. People were intrigued.

Paula suggested SEF members create a sunshine campaign for Joe Erardi, who has been currently undergoing immunotherapy. If members are interested in reaching out to Joe by sending a card or note, let Paula know.

Committee Work

a) Board Development – Jan

Jan reviewed timeline and procedures for ongoing commitments to the SEF Board of Directors and succession of officers. Please contact her if you can help.

b) Program Committee Report - Michelle

Michelle had a conversation with the director of Bread For Life about forming a possible partnership with SEF.

c) Honor an Educator – Gloria

Gloria acknowledged Joyce's great work in getting wonderful baskets of goodies and information made and delivered to all the schools for National Education Week.

d)– Shopping Extravaganza – Paula

Final figures are not yet available from most of our businesses, but the shopping event was well received by all. Flo at Just For You gave Paula a check for \$250 and Rosie (Rosie's Chocolate) sent a lovely note that Paula read aloud. Donation totals should be available next month. George received \$126 from SoCAA.

e) Scholarship Committee – Susan

Katie Wade has joined the scholarship committee that will be meeting in January.

f) Marketing Committee – Jan

The PowerPoint has been completed and was used to make presentations to Rotary and school administrators. There is interest in presenting to the YMCA and reaching also to realtors. Frank Pepe indicated he would reach out to PTOs about scheduling presentations with them.

g) Gala Committee -

We are in need of a chair for the Gala. Please consider the job as this is our main fundraising event. Michelle offered to guide and support the new chair through the process. Michelle has secured the band and will talk to Tops about catering. Everyone should start looking for sponsors. Concerns about Covid safety were also discussed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13.

Important Dates

Next meeting - January 11, 2022, 6:30pm on Zoom

March 26 - SEF Gala dinner, 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