



Southington Education Foundation

March 8, 2022

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

Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Call to Order – Gloria Brown called the meeting at 6:31pm.

In Attendance:

10 Directors – Jerry Belanger, Ellen Bellinger, Gloria Brown, George Fournier, Jan Galati, Nancy Garry, Paula Knight, Joyce McAloon, Ann Taylor, and Dianne Quinn
3 Volunteer Members – Lisa Cammuso, Nancy Rogers, and Katie Wade
1 Administrator Steven Madancy

Approval of Minutes – February 8, 2022

A sentence was amended to read “*Discussion points included that we still have money allocated from the first round of grants that wasn’t used.*”

Motion to approve as amended - Jerry

Second Motion – George

Action: 8 in favor. One abstention. The amended minutes were approved.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report - George

The March financial report includes \$10,000 from CFGNB for the Southington Community Coalition, for which we have become a *fiscal agent*. The treasurer will manage these funds separate from SEF’s accounting.

Checking Balance \$24,385.43

Total Assets \$59,871.96

Motion to approve – Jerry

Second Motion – Ann

Action: All In Favor. The treasurer’s report was approved.

Chair Reports - No Reports

Committee Work

a) Board Development – Jan

- 12 Directors have indicated they will continue next year.
- Lisa Camusso agreed to become a director. Jan moved to accept Lisa as a director, seconded by Paula. The motion passed unanimously. Lisa is now a director!
- Dianne has accepted the treasurer position. George will mentor her next year.
- Both chair positions are now open. Paula's 3-year commitment is up and Gloria is unable to continue as co-chair.
- Ellen is willing to continue as secretary but perhaps the position could be shared.

b) Grant Committee – Jan

- Two grant applications have been received. The committee will meet on March 14 and will report to the board of directors by April 10.
- A discussion took place on how to handle a grant application when the request is for an amount significantly higher than the allotted limit. This will be addressed by the committee.

c) Program Committee Report - No Report

d) Scholarship Committee – Ann

- Ann picked up all the applications and passed the Goralski applications on to the family.
- There are 6 readers who will review the SEF applications.

e) Marketing Committee – Lisa

- No new Powerpoint presentations have been scheduled.
- Steve is in the process of setting up a meeting with PTO leadership and offered to include SEF at the meeting.

f) Spring for Education Gala – May 7th

- George ordered another card reader and will look into how long we can hold out before purchasing event insurance.
- Joyce has heard back from most PTOs. Some will donate baskets. Some will make a monetary donation.
- There will be some awesome items for the auction including 2 tickets to Hamilton and art work by a local artist.

- The next planning committee meeting will be at 6:30 on March 21st.
COME ONE, COME ALL!

g) Honor an Educator – Joyce

- There was a brainstorming of ideas on how we might honor our educators during teacher appreciation week.
- A serious discussion took place with concerns raised about all the stress effecting teachers today and what our small group could do to help considering our limited funds and resources.
- Knowing special treats are always a morale booster, Joyce will look into the cost of buying cookie trays for all the schools.

Old Business

- a) A total of \$558 has been received from the shopping extravaganza. We are still waiting for Ali's Nursery's promised donation.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43.

Important Dates

Grant Committee March 14.

Gala Committee March. 21st, 6:30 on Zoom. All members are welcome!

Next meeting – April 12th, 6:30pm

Spring Gala – May 7th, The Back Nine

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, and Integrity.