



Southington Education Foundation

April 19, 2022

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

Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Call to Order – Paula Knight called the meeting at 6:31pm.

In Attendance:

12 Directors – Jerry Belanger, Ellen Bellinger, Gloria Brown, Lisa Cammuso, George Fournier, Jan Galati, Nancy Garry, Paula Knight, Michelle LeBrun-Griffin, Joyce McAloon, Ann Taylor, and Dianne Quinn

2 Volunteer Members – Nancy Rogers, and Katie Wade

1 Administrator Frank Pepe

A. Approval of Minutes – March 8, 2022

Motion to approve - Ellen

Second Motion – Gloria

Action: All in favor. The minutes were approved.

B. Approval of Treasurer's Report - George

The April financial report includes \$182 paid for the Southington P.O. box.

A \$500 check sent to the robotics team has not been cashed. Jerry will look into it.

Checking Balance \$25,641.42

Total Assets \$60,212.14

Motion to approve – Jan

Second Motion – Ann

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

C. Chair Reports - No Reports

D. Committee Work

1. Grant Committee – Jan

Two mini grant applications were reviewed by committee, who recommended revisions. They were revised by the applicants, shared electronically with the Board of Directors, and presented for formal approval:

a. Robot Programming

Jerry moved to approve \$479.84 for the *Robot Programming* mini-grant, seconded by George. All in favor. The grant was approved.

b. Research and Programming STEAM Project with Dash

George moved to approve \$498.89 for the *Research and Programming STEAM Project with Dash* mini-grant, seconded by Jerry. All in favor. The grant was approved.

2. Board Development – Jan

- Jan introduced an idea for expanding SEF leadership positions (with mentors) and encouraged newer members to consider new roles.
- Jerry agreed to continue as vice-chair.
- Dianne has agreed to the treasurer position. George will mentor.
- Ellen has agreed to continue as secretary and offered to mentor a possible new corresponding secretary position.
- At this time, we are in need of a chair (or co-chairs) for next year. Paula, Michelle, and Jan will mentor as past chairs.
- Contact Jan if you might consider an officer position.

3. Scholarship Committee – Ann

- Ann thanked the committee for their hard work.
- Three scholarship winners have been submitted to the high school.
- SEF members will present the scholarships on the May 19th awards night.
- The family will present the Goralski scholarship.

4. Spring Gala – Michelle

- Saturday, May 7th, 6-10pm at The Back Nine Pavilion. (Set up at 4:45)
- Frank was asked to send another reminder to parents and staff.
- Paula and Michelle are working on an electronic program with a QR code to connect.
- There will be paddles for auction bidding with sponsors shown on the backs.
- The next two planning meetings will be at 6:30 on Monday, April 25th and Monday, May 2nd. All members are encouraged to attend.

5. Southington Drive-In – Michelle

- SEF will work the drive-in on June 11th for a share of the profits.
- Our commitment is from 5pm to the start of the movie.
- Twenty volunteers are needed.
- The following members have volunteered so far: George, Michelle, Nancy G., Jerry (+1) Ellen (+1) and Jan (accommodate at door).
- Twelve more volunteers are needed. They must be 18 or older.

6. Honor an Educator – Joyce

- Signs will be posted on Town Hall and the Green.
- Gloria offered “We Love Teachers” lawn signs obtained through the CEA.
- The idea of providing cookies for educators was abandoned due to cost.
- Joyce showed an example of a book called Dear Teacher that might be given to school libraries. Michelle suggested that children could present the books during morning announcements.
- Ellen made a motion to fund up to \$180 for the purchase of inspirational books about teachers, seconded by Jerry. All in favor. The motion passed. Joyce will purchase in time for Teacher Appreciation Week

Adjournment – The Meeting Adjourned at 7:31.

Important Dates

Gala Planning April 25th and May 2nd. 6:30 on Zoom.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Spring Gala – May 7th, The Back Nine, 6-10:00. (Set up at 4:45)

Next meeting – May 10th, 6:30pm, Zoom

Drive-In Fundraiser – June 11th, 5pm – movie start

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Bellinger, Secretary

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