



Southington Education Foundation
Meeting for Full Membership
May 12, 2015

Minutes

Attendance:

Present: Jerry Belanger, Michelle LeBrun-Griffin, Jan Galati, Rick Veilleux, Steve Proffitt, Dave Monti, Gail Duffy, George Fournier, Donna Gilewski, Bill Lutz, Justin Mirante, Bethany Pestillo, and Madeline Brunelli.

Absent members: Linda Flynn, Steve Guidice, Diana McDougall, Ann Miccaci, Dawn Miceli, Eva Nadolski, Sherry Russman, Mary Yuskis, Kelly Maccione. Alan DeBisschop, Beth Hosmer, Kim Difusco, Tony Sheffy, Paula Knight, and Tim Connellan,

1. Call to Order-Meeting was called to order by Jan at 7:38 p.m.
2. Vote to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2015 SEF Regular Meeting:
1st-Dave Monti
2nd George Fournier
All in favor- Vote passed
3. Treasurer's Report-Rick Veilleux discussed the success of Spelling Bee and presented the Treasurer's Report.
Vote to accept the Treasurer's Report:
1st Bill Lutz
2nd Dave Monti
All in Favor- Vote passed
4. Chair Report-
 - a. Jan Galati presented the Board Policy Manual- Board members reviewed the document draft.
 - b. Jan Galati presented the artwork display for members to experience the art created by Southington third graders. Brief discussion of Artist in Residence program. National Endowment of Arts declined assistance but we may see an additional grant application and possible funding from the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain.
 - c. Jan Galati discussed the SEF and its involvement with Mark Ramsay's LEAF project and informed the group that Mark Ramsey withdrew his petition for the funding of \$25,000 at this time. He is exploring other

options but did not receive funding from other organizations and cannot move forward at this time. He thanked the committee for their intended support.

5. Vice Chair Report –

- a. Ambassador Program-Dave Monti reported the progress of the outreach effort between the SEF and PTOs in town. Announced he would like volunteers to represent SEF at Strong and Flanders. Bill Lutz volunteered to go to Flanders.
- b. Dave Monti presented the compilation of the interest inventories with committee member names. Bill Lutz added he will assist with the clean-up at the Gala. Bethany Pestillo volunteered for clean-up as well.
- c. Dave Monti presented the SEF grant applications and evaluation forms for the group to review.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Drive-in Movie June 13, 2015. SEF will partner with town committee. Movie this year is JAWS. Committee looking for 20 members to assist. Signs were handed out to be placed in schools and local businesses.
- b. Gala- Steve Proffitt gave a report that the committee is meeting monthly at his house to plan the Gala. Plans are underway and items are being solicited. Michelle LeBrun-Griffin reported that the event will utilize Eventbrite for the invitation and registration. Other members-Bill Lutz and Jerry Belanger- suggested that we also send out a postcard as a reminder. The suggestion was made due to lots of emails in inboxes and it could go unread. Meet and Greet scheduled for Mountain Grove Club on June 22, 2015. To thanks previous donors and encourage donors to donate again.
- c. Grants and Programs-New forms were handed out for review by Dave Monti.

7. New Business

- a. Dave Monti discussed partnership with CCSU for STEM
- b. Bill Lutz inquired about whether or not we look to see if grant applications are supported by other organizations. Michelle LeBrun-Griffin addressed question with a reference on the grant application form where that is asked.
- c. Photo of entire Executive Committee: May 29, 2015 at Municipal Center

8. Old Business-

- a. Discussion of having student groups present/perform before the Spelling Bee. The robotics team did a nice job this year. Would like to see more school kids involved. This will showcase our support as well.
 - b. Bill Lutz- Spelling Bee Master Mike Magnoli did a nice job. Would love to have him back next year.
 - c. Jerry Belanger questioned the need for a full Executive Committee Meeting preceding each Regular Meeting. Further discussion needed.
9. Next Meeting—June 9, 2015 at 7:30 PM, Hatton School Media Center
10. Motion to Adjourn-
- 1st Bill Lutz
- 2nd Dave Monti
- All in Favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:38.

Next meeting: June 9, 2015 at 7:30 PM-Hatton School, Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Duffy, Secretary