

Southington Education Foundation
Executive Board Meeting
August 13, 2013

Minutes

Attendance:

D. Miceli, J. Galati, B. Pestillo, A. DeBisschop, T. Sheffy, K. DiFusco, B. Hosmer, S. Giudice, J. Erardi

Call to Order: Made by Dawn at 6:38 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Tony to approve the 7/2/13 minutes. Motion seconded by Alan. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Beth P to accept the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Beth H. Motion passed.

Chairman's Report:

Convocation/STEM: The SEF will have a presence at convocation on August 26th at 9am. Dawn is putting together a video based on our commitment to STEM. She will highlight key areas and the direction of the SEF as we launch our S.T.E.M. University.

Connecticut Consortium of Education Foundations: Liz Stokes contacted Dawn about being featured on their website. Dawn is sending over some info and pictures to her to include.

Vice Chair's Report:

The next BAL meeting will be held on September 5th. The agenda will focus on current SEF topics, the gala, and STEM University.

Jan will put together a schedule for upcoming BAL meetings. They will be held on a quarterly basis.

STEM Initiative:

STEM 5-Prong Initiative: SEF Commitment to STEM enrichment is a 5 prong initiative. It includes our 1)STEM Recognition Program which we launched with the recognition of the SHS Robotics team. We will continue to support and enhance STEM programming in and outside the classroom. 2) Virtual STEM University which is an innovative web-based instructional resource for educators. 3) Fourth Grade STEM Program. We will continue to fund our district-wide initiative at Camp Sloper. 4) STEM Based Grant Funding which will award grants to STEM inspired programming and projects. It now requires grants to contain at least one/one additional STEM component for consideration. 5) STEM Scholarship which will be awarded to a graduating senior pursuing their education in the STEM field.

Virtual STEM University Overview: There was a brainstorming meeting on the STEM University. Another meeting will be held August 14th. We are in the forefront of where STEM is going in the state/country. Teachers will have the opportunity to put together a STEM unit with a goal to have it ready for launch by October 1st. A designer is working toward a logo for our STEM University.

STEM-Based Scholarship Program: Tabled till September Executive Board meeting.

Grant Committee:

STEM Component: Beth P. mentioned that she would like to keep our grant process consistent with the direction of the SEF and the Virtual STEM University.

Motion: Beth P. made a motion to add a STEM component to the grant process. This would require applicants to add one or one additional STEM area to their intended program.

Kim seconded the motion

Motion passed.

Beth will make the necessary changes for the start of the school year. The grant committee will continue to review applications however all recommended programs will require applicants to make a presentation before the Executive Board for approval.

Fundraising:

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Corporate Sponsorship: Beth P. has sent out over 250 sponsorship letters. Board members are encouraged to reach out to businesses for sponsorship.

Invitations: Dawn is working to finalize the design of the invitation.

Auction Items: Members are asked to seek items for auction. Please contact Kim with items.

Invitation Database: Alan and Beth H. have been working on the database. It is near complete. Beth will upload database to Google Drive so we can all add to it as necessary.

New Business:

Michelle LeBrun Griffin has been asked to be on the board at large.

Motion: Jan made a motion and endorsed Michelle onto our BAL.

Beth H. seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Welcome Michelle! Everyone is encouraged to seek out active and interested members for our board.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Dawn to adjourn and seconded by Alan. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting: September 10, 2013 at 6:30 at Municipal Center

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Pestillo

Secretary