

Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars

February 21, 2024 6pm

Southeast Polk District Office

Meeting called to order at 6pm by Lori. Quorum Present.

- **Members in attendance:** Angie Shannon, Stephanie Grooms, Carrie Sponheim, Belinda Rinehart, Jenny Rinehart, Lori Slings, Josie Lehman (Zoom), Kevin Bennett (Zoom), Eric Carr, Joanne Moeller.

Approval of the minutes: Minutes from January 2024 meeting. No corrections needed. Motion to approve-Stephanie. Second-Eric.

Treasurer Report: Motion to approve by Eric. Second by Belinda.

- Kevin provided a detailed financial report via email.

Committee Reports:

A. Events

- 2024 Fundraiser Event:** Determine date for the 2024 event.
 - Date to avoid: September 28, 2024 (SEP Homecoming)
 - Potential venue: Paul Knapp building (state fairgrounds)
 - \$1600 to rent
 - Continue to research venues and set the 2024 date. Committee will meet soon.
- SEP Hat Day (Belinda)**
 - All building principals have been contacted. Most schools have already responded to participate.
 - Schools have the month of March to select a date that best fits their school schedule.
 - \$1/hat for students, \$5/comfy day for staff.

B. Election of new officer for 2024

- Chair-Lori Slings
- VP-
 - Due to the wording in bylaws, need to reopen this position.
 - Eric Carr agreed to fill the VP role for 2024.
- Secretary-Jenny Rinehart
- Treasurer-Kevin Bennett

C. Scholarship

- Scholarship Application Process (Carrie): Application window opened February 8, 2024.
 - Essay Readers: Angie will read the goals section, Stephanie will read unusual circumstances.
 - Scholarship question scoring completed by March 25th.
 - Scholarship selection night for the awards committee--April 9th at 6pm (Altoona Methodist Church)
 - Kevin has determined that there will be \$65,000 of DFS scholarships awarded.

D. Scholarship Recognition Night:: Event will be held on May 8, 2024 at 7pm.

- HS gym has been reserved for the event.
- Jenny & Carrie will make necessary revisions to the book
- More details coming soon.

E. Marketing--Continuing to seek someone to serve on the board with a marketing background.

F. Bylaws--No report; Joanne will schedule a meeting.

G. Other Committee Reports--

- Potential Nominee to Board--Amy Larson
 - Motion to add Amy Larson to the DFS board by Joanne, Carrie seconded.
 - Kevin & Eric will reach out & invite Amy to join us.

- b. Potential Nominee to Board--Kelly Simmons
 - i. Motion to add Kelly Simmons to the DFS board by Belinda, Jenny seconded.
 - ii. Belinda will reach out and invite Kelly to join us.

Old Business: None to Report

A. Other:

- a. Technology Update: Kevin Bennett
 - i. Grant to get Microsoft suite
 - ii. Utilize teams, cloud storage
- b. Student Liaison/rep to DFS board (Kevin Bennett)
 - i. Proposed position--student liaison will report to the Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars board, however will not be a full voting member. Student serves as a voice for his/her peers at SEP HS. This will be a two-year term during the junior and senior years.
 - ii. Detailed description of student liaison position in board packet.
 - iii. Create a Google Form and social media post to seek student interest in the position.
 - 1. Include the detailed description of responsibilities for the student liaison role.
 - 2. Post after Spring Break.
- c. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 20 at 6pm in the SEP District Office board room.

Belinda made a motion to adjourn at 6:50pm, Josie seconded.