

Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars

June 19, 2024 6pm

Southeast Polk District Office

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Lori. Quorum Present.

- **Members in attendance:** Lori Slings, Belinda Rinehart, Jenny Rinehart, Eric Carr, Robin Norris, Kevin Bennett, Joanne Moeller, Angie Shannon, Amy Larson, Adelle Larson (student liaison), Stephanie Groom, Carrie Sponheim

Approval of the minutes: Minutes from April 2024 (revised) and May 2024 meeting. Motion to approve the April and May minutes as submitted-Belinda. Second-Stephanie. Motion passes.

Treasurer Report: *Motion to approve May 31st treasurer report by Robin. Second by Eric. Motion passes.*

- Kevin provided a detailed financial report to each board member present and via email to the board.
 - Endowment had a good month.
 - First batch of checks will be mailed to colleges on/around July 25, 2024.
 - 38 different colleges represented.
 - Adelle will post a social media post reminding students to accept scholarships & follow the steps.
 - Several thank you's have come into the Dollars for Scholars with scholarship acceptance.
 - Consider moving up the scholarship acceptance date to July 15, 2024 for the Class of 2025.
 - Kevin will pursue moving funds to a CD; will update next month.
 - Invoices are all out for scholarships; organizations have been submitting their payments to cover scholarships.

Committee Reports:

A. Events

- a. 2024 Fundraiser Event: Date has been set for October 5, 2024 6:30pm at Prairie Meadows.
 - i. Update: All donations will be collected and Stephanie will house.
 1. Lou Sipolt will be the Emcee for the events.
 2. Auctioneer: a former SEP student (Kort McNeer) completed auctioneer school and has expressed interest in being the auctioneer.
 3. Ticket: \$50; discount for purchasing a table and potentially a teacher discount.
 4. More details regarding donations, decorations for tables, games, and menu will be shared soon.
 - ii. Events committee will meet after the regular board meeting.
 - iii. Breeze/Postcards: 300 Save the Date cards went out; emails to all other contacts in Breeze that didn't have mailing addresses.
 1. Stamped post cards available for any contacts not listed in Breeze; add the contact to Breeze for future mailings, etc.
 - iv. Auctria: Online auction platform

B. Scholarships-updates

- a. Would like to add to instructions included with each scholarship -
 - i. Funds will be sent approximately August 1st after all the final deadline for acceptance. Funds will be split evenly between fall and spring semesters.

C. Grant Update

- a. No update from Prairie Meadows (Lori) or Meta (Kevin).

D. Marketing--Report from meeting/committee

- a. Carrie/Amy putting together a plan to contact businesses for scholarships, donations, etc.
- b. Fourth of July Parade: will hand out cards to gather information from community--contacts and potentially include a chance to win raffles (ie-tickets to the dinner auction, etc).

- E. Bylaws--Committee met; need to approve bylaws update authorizing student representatives to our board.
 - a. Joanne made a motion to approve bylaw wording for student liaison language; Kevin seconded. Motion passes.
 - b. Belinda made a motion to approve the bylaws, Eric seconded. Motion passes.
- F. Board educational update (Kevin)
 - a. Board book created that includes all pertinent and vital information for the workings of the Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars. Kevin is currently working on an online version that will be shared with all board members.
- G. Student Liaison Update
 - a. Incoming Junior Payton Hazelton has expressed interest in becoming a student liaison
 - i. Joanne made a motion to approve Payton Hazelton to serve as student liaison July 2024-May 2026. Belinda seconded. Motion passes.
 - ii. Kevin will reach out and make contact with Payton to move forward.
- H. Other Committee Reports--None
 - a. Hat Day Trophy was awarded to Altoona Elementary/principal Morgan Miller. A social media post was created. (Belinda)

Old Business: None

- A. ChapterNet Grants Available--Kevin & Robin will take the lead on pursuing options for our chapter.
- B. Social Media--when sharing posts, make sure to tag the SEP Dollars for Scholars page and ask people to like & follow.

Other:

- a. Technology Update: Kevin Bennett
- b. Next meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 6pm in the SEP District Office board room.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn at 6:50pm, Eric seconded.