

# **Scholarship & Education Committee Meeting – Draft Minutes**

## **Monday, December 12, 2022, 6:30 P.M., meeting held remotely**

**Members Present:** Liz McGovern, Gabriel Yeager, Tyler Carlton, Heather Lang, Lynne Mullen, Brian Eiermann

**Staff Present:** Dominick Pangallo

- 1. Call to Order:** 6:30 p.m.
- 2. Approval of November 14, 2022 minutes:** Approved 4-0-2
- 3. Financial Updates:**

Education Fund

November receipts: \$171.00

**December 1 balance: \$9,244.33**

Scholarship Fund

November receipts: \$7,787.00

**December 1 balance: \$13,433.80**

**4. Old Business**

- a. Fundraising Updates:** ATG donation was deposited.

**5. New Business**

- a. Logo contest:** Lynne will send a message to the district art teachers inviting their students to participate. Heather suggested using the logo design on merchandise to sell for fundraising.
- b. Review and vote on Education Fund grant applications:** The committee determined that one of the five requests (Salem Ota Cultural Exchange) did not meet the criteria for the grant program. They also wanted additional information about one application seeking funds for a partnership program with Salem Sound Coastwatch (Bentley Academy Innovation School) as it seemed like grant funds were being requested for stipends, which is not an eligible use. On a motion by Liz, seconded by Heather, the committee voted 6-0 to approve grant awards to:

- Salem YMCA (\$1,000) to purchase games and materials for social/emotional learning supports for their school-age programs serving 259 Salem students
- Salem Public Schools' early childhood program (\$808) for books and equipment for water tables and sensory play activities serving 194 preschool and pre-K students at ECC, Horace Mann, and Bates schools
- House of the Seven Gables (\$500) for software, books, and supplies for the organization's adult ESL classes serving 40 Salem residents.

Dominick shared that the Education Fund has received \$1,822 in donations this calendar year to date, meaning the \$2,308 in grants leaves the committee with a fundraising goal for the Education Fund of \$486 for December if they wish to have no net loss of funds in the account this year.

- c. Fundraising:** Heather shared some preliminary concepts for additional fundraising activities that the committee could pursue. The group decided to dedicate part of its agenda

at the January meeting on a deeper discussion about fundraising strategies and activities for the new year.

- d. Chair:** Tyler announced that he is stepping down as the committee chair at the end of the year and invited members to consider taking on the role. The committee will vote on a new chair at the January meeting.

**6. Adjourned:** 7:10 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Monday, January 9, 2023, 6:30 p.m.