

Scholarship & Education Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft
Monday, November 16, 2020, 6:30 P.M., meeting held remotely

Called to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Tyler Carlton, Elizabeth McGovern, Amy Stewart, Tayla Thompson, Lynne Mullen, Andrew Boucher, Greg MacPhee, Cynthia Nina-Soto

Staff Present: Dominick Pangallo

1. Call to Order

2. Introduction of new members

The new members introduced themselves to Cynthia and she introduced herself to them.

3. Approval of minutes

The committee unanimously approved the minutes October 5, 2020 with Cynthia abstaining as she was absent for the meeting.

4. Financial update

The Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$4,310.25. The Education Fund has a balance of \$14,910.74. Dominick shared the four-year trend of receipts for both funds for October.

5. Old business

a. Fundraising updates

Dominick confirmed that the text-to-donate number is still active and available for use. Tyler reported that he had spoken with Rep. Tucker, Councillor Hapworth, and Councillor Turiel about doing some kind of online fundraiser and the committee discussed possibly some kind of karaoke contest. Tyler also reported that he is still waiting to hear back from the bank foundation grants he submitted. Dominick offered to send out requests to the cannabis companies as was done last year.

b. Special act

Tyler reported that the special act that would enable the Committee to transfer money from the Education Fund to the Scholarship Fund is now in the Senate Committee on Bills in the Third Reading. He will continue to work with Rep. Tucker and Sen. Lovely to try to advance it out.

6. New business

a. Review and vote on Education Fund grant applications

The committee reviewed grant applications from Ashley's Preschool & Daycare, Muhammad Kabir Sani, Salem State University, Salem High School ROTC, and LEAP for Education. Muhammad's application was rejected as it was not eligible for an Education Fund grant. Tayla recused herself from the deliberation and vote on the application from Ashley's Preschool & Daycare. The committee otherwise voted unanimously to award \$800 to Ashley's Preschool & Daycare for technology purchases, pending a determination from the City's Legal Department that grant funds can be awarded to a private for-profit entity, \$500 to Salem State University for the Salem's Next Leaders program, \$600 to Salem High School ROTC for uniforms, and \$500 to LEAP for Education for the Teen Center.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 14th, 6:30 p.m., location TBD

Adjourned: 7:02 p.m.