

Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars

January 15, 2025 6pm

Southeast Polk District Office

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

- **Members in attendance:** Eric Carr, Belinda Rinehart, Jenny Rinehart, Amanda Webb, Carrie Sponheim, Kevin Bennett (Zoom), Angie Shannon (Zoom), Amy Larson (Zoom), Tiffany Filloon (Zoom), Stephanie Groom

Approval of the minutes: Minutes from November 2024 meeting. Motion to approve-Belinda. Second-Carrie. Motion passes.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer report will be available at a later date via email due to the report not closing in time for finalizing before 1/15 meeting.

Board Composition:

- Terms Expiring –
 - Margi Belger stepping down effective 1/15/25
 - Motion to accept resignation by Kevin. Belinda-second. Motion passes.
 - Kevin makes a motion to extend the terms for expiring member terms for the directors listed below (term now ends 12/2027). Belinda seconded. Motion passes.
 - Eric Carr, Robin Norris, Jenny Rinehart, Angie Shannon, Carrie Spohneim
- Student Liaisons – Adelle's term is expiring due to graduation. Open application for current sophomores on or around March 31, 2025.

Budgeting:

- Executive Discussion had a discussion on budgeting in advance for events and marketing ahead of spending
 - Going forward the expectation will be that the committee will bring the expenses to the board for discussion and approval going forward.

Committee Reports:

A. Events

- a. **2025 Fundraiser Event:** October 25, 2025 (Iowa State Fair-Animal Learning Center)
 - i. Need each person to List 5 guests and addresses or emails/phone numbers you can come up with right now. We need to invite and sell tickets to people that will want to attend and will bid on items at the auction.

B. Scholarship

- a. Scholarship Application Process (Carrie):
 - i. Continue to get those changes to scholarships to Carrie ASAP.
 - ii. Applications open on February 13, 2025
 - iii. Trades Night at HS on February 25, 2025 5-7pm; Carrie & Belinda will represent.
 - iv. Scholarship Application Due Date is 3/14.
 - v. Funds due on 3/15/25 for 2025 scholarships to be awarded
 - vi. Scholarship Recognition Event: May 14, 2025 7pm.
 - vii. Scholarship Acceptance Due: July 15, 2025
 - viii. Scholarship Funds to Colleges: July 31, 2025

C. Grant Update - FB follow up; Prairie Meadows Grant process opened January 2nd. Lori submitted.

D. Marketing--met with student liaisons to create plan for posts regarding scholarship application process

- a. Mapping out corporate sponsorship tiers and reach out to corporations for sponsorships
- E. Technology - Budget for 2025 Belinda made a motion to approve the budget needs for technology, Stephanie seconded.
Motion passes.
- a. Quickbooks \$160/year
 - b. Breeze \$72/month (\$864)
 - c. Canva Pro \$120/year
 - d. Auctria \$350/year
 - e. Microsoft Suite--Free
 - f. ChapterNet: \$800/year
 - g. Chamber Dues \$120/year
 - h. Insurance \$380/year
- F. Bylaws--nothing to report
- G. Student Liaison Update--discuss update to
- H. Elections: February meeting--let Kevin, Eric, or Jenny know if you are interested in a position before the end of the meeting/or send an email to one of them.
- I. Other committee reports
- a. Hat Day--coming in March
 - b. DFS Apparel--Belinda will send the link out for additional items. The t-shirts are here and Belinda will continue to bring them to meetings to hand out.

Old Business: None to Report

Jenny made a motion to adjourn at 6:39pm, Stephanie seconded.