

Scholarship & Education Committee Meeting – Draft Minutes
Monday, September 13, 2021, 6:30 P.M., meeting held remotely

Members Present: Lynne Mullen, Cynthia Nina-Soto, Amy Stewart, Elizabeth McGovern, Tyler Carlton
Staff Present: Dominick Pangallo

1. **Call to Order:** 6:31 p.m.
2. **Approval of June 14, 2021 and August 9, 2021 minutes:** Approved unanimously.
3. **Financial Updates:** Dominick reported that the Education Fund took in \$244 in August, for a current balance of \$177,924.56. The Scholarship Fund took in \$216 in August, for a current balance of \$6,112.99.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Fundraising Updates:** Tyler reported that he's still not heard back on the foundation grant applications, but will follow up again. Cynthia reported that she is still running the Marathon fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund and Harborlight, and asked committee members to help share out the information for donations.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Education Fund grants application round:** The committee discussed reopening a new round of grants from the Education Fund, with a deadline of 5pm on October 14th. Tyler will update the application forum to specify that while repeat applicants are allowed to apply, the committee will generally have preference for new applicants; and that re-applications of previously rejected requests should include information detailing how the application is different this time. The committee discussed how to broaden awareness of the grants program, especially among Salem Public School teachers, and Dominick offered to share the announcement with the district once it is public. Lastly, the committee modified the questions in the application to include a new question asking the applicant to state what size impact the proposed project is anticipated to have. The committee unanimously approved opening the new grant round with these changes and conditions (motion by Amy, seconded by Cynthia).
6. **Adjourned:** 7:16 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, October 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m., location TBD