

Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars

February 19, 2025 6pm

Southeast Polk District Office

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

- **Members in attendance:** Lori Slings, Jenny Rinehart, Belinda Rinehart, Kevin Bennett (Zoom), Carrie Sponheim, Darell Butcher, Angie Shannon, Stephanie Groom, Amy Larson, Tiffany Filloon

Special Circumstance: Board member Eric Carr passed away on 2/18/25. The board will send floral arrangement to services; Stephanie will coordinate.

Approval of the minutes: Minutes from January 2025 meeting. Motion to approve-Belinda. Second-Carrie. Motion passes.

Treasurer Report: Motion to approve December 2024 and January 2025 by Amy. Second-Belinda. Motion passes.

- Endowments dropped in December 2024 but recovered back to net in January 2025
- 2 new endowments have been established..

Board Composition:

- Linda and Joanne have resigned. Motion to approve resignations by Kevin. Belinda-second. Motion passes.
 - Board composition is in flex at this time. We will continue to seek interested parties.
- Interested candidate: Jodi Minard
 - Kevin made a motion to accept nomination of Jodi Minard for a 3 year term ending in 2027. Amy-second. Motion passes. Amy will contact Jodi to invite her to the board.

Committee Reports:

- A. Events
 - a. 2025 Fundraiser Event: October 25, 2025 (Iowa State Fair-Animal Learning Center)
 - i. We need a chair for this event.
- B. Scholarship
 - a. Scholarship Application Process (Carrie):
 - i. Trades Night at HS on February 25, 2025 5-7pm; Carrie & Belinda will represent DFS.
 - ii. Scholarship Application Due Date is 3/14.
 - iii. Funds due on 3/15/25 for 2025 scholarships to be awarded
 - iv. Scholarship Recognition Event: May 14, 2025 7pm
 - v. Scholarship Acceptance Due: July 15, 2025
 - vi. Scholarship Funds to Colleges: July 31, 2025
- C. Grant Update
 - a. Lori submitted Prairie Meadows grants. Grant ask was \$20,000.
- D. Marketing
 - a. The committee will start contacting local businesses for sponsorships.
- E. Student Liaison Update: Created a video on how to apply for a scholarship; assisting students with questions.
- F. Elections:
 - a. Slate of Officers: VP will be reviewed in April
 - i. President: Lori Slings
 - ii. Treasurer: Kevin Bennett
 - iii. Secretary: Jenny Rinehart

- G. March Meeting: Move to March 26 due to Spring Break
 - a. Jenny made a motion to move the meeting to March 26. Belinda seconded. Motion passes.
- H. Other committee reports
 - a. Hat Day will be in March. Belinda will contact building principals to schedule.

Old Business: None to Report

Belinda made a motion to adjourn at 6:32pm. Stephanie seconded.