

Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars
January 21, 2026 6pm
Southeast Polk Community Schools-District Office

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Lori. Quorum present.

Members in attendance: Amy Larson (online), Kevin Bennett (online), Jenny Rinehart, Belinda Rinehart, Carrie Sponheim, Quinn Lepley (Student Liaison), Jodi Minard (online), Angie Shannon (online), Tiffany Filloon, Stephanie Groom (online)

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

Treasurer Report: Endowments are up for the 2025 fiscal year. Endowment Earnings for 2025 was \$284,150.66. Motion to approve November & December financial reports by Jenny. Second-Tiffany. Motion passes.

Kevin had someone reach out to ask if Dollars for Scholars funds can be issued to a non-US based university. Kevin is continuing to research all of the legalities and IRS stipulations for a 501-3(c) organization.

Committee Reports:

A. Events:

- a. No new updates for the 2026 Soiree event.
- b. Giving Tuesday: 28 donors for a total of \$1,215 earned for Giving Tuesday.

B. Scholarships

a. Scholarships

- i. Time to confirm the scholarships for 2026 list
 1. Carrie has list for each board member
 2. Details need to be confirmed by February 1st and sent to Carrie. Scholarships will open for student applications on 2/12. Applications close on March 13, 2026.
 - a. Amount of scholarship
 - b. Criteria to be eligible for the scholarship
 - c. Contact Information--please double check as the list from last year is not opening so some changes may not be reflected.
 3. Scholarship Night is May 13, 2026 at Southeast Polk High School Gym at 7pm.

C. Marketing - No new report. Lori applied for the Prairie Meadows Grant.

D. Technology - No new report.

E. Student Liaison Update - No new report.

F. Bylaws (Stephanie)-No update at this time.

G. Other committee reports

The next meeting will be February 18, 2026.

Motion to adjourn by Belinda, Second by Carrie. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.