

## Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars

November 19, 2025 6pm

Southeast Polk Middle School

Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm by Amy. Quorum present.

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

**Approval of the minutes:** Minutes from October 2025 meeting. Motion to approve-Belinda. Second-Kevin. Motion passes.

**Treasurer Report:** All funds are in from Soiree. Still awaiting for the bill from the Iowa State Fairgrounds to get the finalized numbers for the event. Investments are doing well. Detailed reports provided in board member packets. Motion to approve-Tiffany. Second-Amanda. Motion passes.

### Committee Reports:

#### A. Events

- a. Annual Event: Rams Legacy Speakeasy Soiree : 10/25 from 5:00pm-10:30pm
  - i. Feedback from event
    1. Auction online system--some parts we really like, some parts were not as seamless
      - a. If someone would like to take the lead on the auction portion and setup of the online system, that would be welcomed.
    2. Acoustics of the venue weren't optimal if you weren't right next to the stage; we will need to address that before next year's event.
    3. The 2026 event will be at the Iowa State Fairgrounds--Animal Learning Center
    4. Possibly look at hiring some wait staff to help with cleaning up throughout the night.

#### B. Scholarships

- a. College Fair on November 18th
  - i. Carrie & Quinn (student liaison) represented DFS
    1. Spoke with nearly every student or family that was present.
  - ii. Career & Apprenticeship Fair will be in February 24, 2026
- b. 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, Scholarships will open for student applications on 2/13.
      - 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 - Giving Tuesday (Tiffany & student liaisons)

- a. Promoting the Giving Tuesday event
  - i. The current goal is to get 100 Rams to donate \$25.
  - ii. Posts are out on Facebook--please continue to share the posts that Tiffany has been creating/sharing.

D. Technology - No new report.

E. Student Liaison Update -

- a. Abby, Quinn, and Payton all were present and were a great deal of help!
- b. Start creating or reposting videos/reels about how to set up their profile on the Scholarship of America site.

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

G. Other committee reports

**Old Business:**

- December Meeting discussion: Board agreed to not having a meeting in December--Happy Holidays!
- Next Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 6pm the Altoona Historical Society is hosting Roger Mahnke. He will speak on the creation of SEP Dollars for Scholars. Kevin will be present to help provide financial information. Board members are invited to attend.

The next meeting will be in January 2026.

Motion to adjourn by Belinda, Second by Kevin. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.