WEF Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm at the Galvin School Learning Commons. Co-presidents greeted the team and extended a special welcome to prospective new members in attendance (Kim Hartman, Peggy Hagopian, Doreen Bentubo, & Sarah Bardet).

New members: (ER/JT) introduced prospective new members, welcome packets were distributed describing who WEF is and what WEF does, each attendee introduced themselves around the table

Officer Reports: (VY) Sept. 2015 Meeting Minutes were approved; (ML) Treasurer Report was read and accepted

Calendar Initiative: (JT) noted only 5 calendars left of 600 & will bring in around $9000; thinking of getting HS students to help out as an internship

Grant Process: (GC) went over Grant process next steps, anyone who wants to get involved or is seeking more information contact Jen or Colleen [Grant Due Date, 10/19 – grants will be posted to Google Drive; Meeting with Dr. Smith to review, 11/3; Notification Letters 11/16]
  - Grant funding amount for next year was discussed and proposed by team to target $25k (past president BH provided guidance)

Publicity Update: (CB) RFAA was posted in Wakefield Daily Item and email blast to schools, information will be rerun

Facebook/Twitter Update: (CG/KH) Colleen mentioned there are 85 Twitter followers so far; Kim volunteered to take-on Facebook communication and will start by posting RFAA event

STARS (December program): (BT) explained STARS program & is beginning to gather volunteers; around $1500 was made last year

Website Update: (JH/FH/EC) Grant process and events postings up to date; if minutes are posted on Google can be more easily shared on Website

Established in 1989 to support public education in Wakefield, WEF is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization
Email us at info@wakefieldeducationalfoundation.org
Somerville Road Runners: (JE) shared that $7000 was donated from SSR

Run for All Ages: (VY) upcoming RFAA event was described and that it was coming up soon (11/7), more members signed up for baking, water table and WEF table; according to pre-registration data so far runners’ ages span 7 – 90 yrs old

Cummings Grant: (ER) looking into this possibility for WEF – Cummings awards $100k each for 100 grants; process begins with filing a letter of inquiry

November – WEF Night Out: (JT/ER): attendees are invited to gather at Harrington’s directly after our next meeting

Adjournment: October’s meeting ended at 8:15pm

Attendees

- Violeta Yu
- Fran Harrington
- Mary Letchford
- Kim Hartman
- Sandra Blois
- Chris Boulter
- Peggy Hagopian
- Elizabeth Russell
- Jennifer Theriault
- Doreen Bentubo
- Erin Colliton
- Nicole Jacob
- Colleen Guida
- Sarah Bardet
- Bernadette Thompson
- Gayle Wettach
- Linda McManama
- Beth Hendriks