

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

March 7, 2024

ATTENDEES: Olga Saubermann, Sue Aberbach (co-chairpersons), Nancy Fairchild, Linda Frigon, Maura McGuinness, Judith Slisz

LOCATION: Zoom meeting

TIME: 1pm-1:50pm

1. Minutes

- The January 17, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Financial Report

- Linda reported that we currently have about \$32,000 in reserve. From that amount about \$9,000 will go to the Saybrook Point Inn to cover the cost of meals for the Book Author Luncheon and another \$500 will go to pay bills (state, annual report, etc.). That leaves us with \$22,000 (\$11,000 of which came from membership donations) for scholarships and that amount does not include monies we will receive from the Book Author auction, books, and Becker Jewelry sale. If our monies exceed \$50,000 that would put us at a new level of 501(c)3. We will not exceed \$50,000 this year but Linda will explore with the lawyer what happens when we do and how much money we can hold in reserve.
- The question of how much money should be held in reserve for scholarships will be discussed at our next meeting.

3. Educational Grant Application

- FAFSA has been omitted from the Educational Grant Application this year.
- The application has been updated and Sue will ask Gloria to have it available on our website and information put on Facebook.

4. NCCWSL

- Two students have been identified to attend the NCCWSL conference: Sydney Swann (Emerson College) and Madeline Rice (Univ. of VT.). Sue sent them feedback from the students who attended the conference for the past two years as well as her experience in the virtual NCCWSL.
- Sue had contacted our present grant recipients about the conference, and no one expressed interest.
- The committee decided we could fund one more person this year for NCCWSL.
- Olga was contacted by Kaye Griffin about a neighbor who has triplets presently in college and felt one of them would like to go. Olga will follow up and have one of the triplets contact Sue by March 15.
- If more than 3 students express interest they will be put on a waiting list.
- The \$175 amount given to the NCCWSL student for transportation will remain the same.

5. Ed. Grant Process 2024

- The poster is ready for distribution and should be posted widely.
- Judith will speak to people at Avery Point and find out honors tract at colleges to publicize the grant. Linda will contact the point person for the accelerated nursing program at Avery Point.

- Olga will contact Elaine to issue the press release about the grant now and again later.
- We need to reach out especially in New London and place the poster in Post Offices, Safe Futures, Lawrence Memorial (give poster to Jessica) and have information published in the New London Day.
- Judith will contact Mitchell College and Ct. Coll.

Next Meeting: April 18th @1 pm via Zoom

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy Fairchild

Recording Secretary