

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

January 17, 2024

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

LOCATION: Zoom meeting

TIME: 1pm-1:50pm

1. **Minutes**
 - The November 29, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **Review of January tea and meeting grant recipients**
 - Five of the six grant recipients were able to attend the tea and made a very positive impression on our membership. They received their second \$1000 check. Sue will follow up with them about attending NCCWSL. Two have already expressed interest.
3. **Financial Report—Linda**
 - We have received \$11,453 in donations from our membership and expect an additional \$13,000 from our fund raiser, giving the scholarship fund close to \$25,000. Expenses are \$50 to the State, \$200 for insurance. NCCWSL costs roughly \$800/person.
 - It was unanimously decided to raise the amount of the grant to \$3,000 for no more than 6 students and to send up to 3 students to NCCWSL. This will be presented at the next Board meeting.
4. **Grant Application**
 - Sue has worked with Gloria Gery on updating the application and it will be available online in March.
5. **Publicity—Olga**
 - Publicity will start in March.
 - Olga will write up the press release and Linda will update the Flyer.
 - People who were helpful last year will be contacted. Several of our current grant recipients felt contacting the person in charge of the Honors Program would be helpful in identifying potential grant applicants. Judith will contact MXCC, Three Rivers CC and Avery Point.
 - Presently trying to get the photo of our current grant recipients published.
 - Olga has contacted Elaine Quayle to help with publicity. She also received information from Kaye Griffin re suggestions and difficulties she has found trying to get things published. Paying the paper to put our information in was also discussed.
 - Olga and or Elaine will put the grant information in the Patch (3 towns), Facebook, Harbor News, Valley Courier and Colleges/Universities.
 - Information about the grant can be available at our Book Author Luncheon.
 - Posting the Flyer in Libraries and Universities is beneficial.
 - Word of mouth is probably the most effective publicity.

Next Meeting: March 7, 2024, via Zoom

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Fairchild (recording secretary)

