

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE
APRIL 29, 2025

ATTENDEES: Olga Saubermann, (chairperson), Susan DelVecchio, Nancy Fairchild, Linda Frigon, Sara Keaney, Maura McGuinness, Judith Slisz

LOCATION: Zoom meeting **Time:** 9-10:35

1. Minutes

- March 24, 2025, minutes were approved with the following corrections/additions: change \$6,000 for the NCCWSL/NAPSA conference to \$3,100 in #3 and in #8 add that we will not announce at the grant recipients luncheon that they may reapply next year for the grant.

2. Financial Report

- Presently, we have \$80,080 in our checking and money market account combined. This amount includes the \$22,000 we made from the BAL and \$56,000 donated by members. We have budgeted \$40,000 to be used for this year's grants and \$5,000 to sponsor 5 students to attend next year's NCCWSL/NAPSA conference. Twenty-five thousand is going into a rainy-day fund and \$10,000 to be used for TPEP or something similar. Linda has mailed checks of \$200 to two students and \$160 to the other two students attending the NCCWSL/NAPSA conference this year.

3. Publicity

- Sue has contacted for grant publicity all Shore publishing, Middletown press, *The Day*, many town Patches, 60 *Facebook* groups, 15 Hispanic and Black organizations and libraries in her area. She is redoing the poster showing a black woman and will resend to all the organizations mid-May. Another publicity poster will be sent out later showing a group of women.

4. Update on TPEP

- Professors are all quite busy now finishing up the semester. Judith will follow up on the courses we are sponsoring and plans on doing student evaluations with their comments on the courses.

5. NCCWSL/NAPSA Conference

- Olga reported we have 4 students who will be attending the conference this year. They are: Ariana Seldon (Howard University), Cameron Liberty (Skidmore College), Abbey Butler (going to graduate school), and Izabella Bautista (Trinity College). Izabella is not a resident of Ct. A student who lives in another state can attend this conference if the college she attends is in Ct. Judith will let the colleges know that one of their students attended the NCCWSL/NAPSA conference.

6. Ed. Grant and Scholarship Application Grid

- Linda reported that four students have applied. One was from New Haven, so she is not eligible, and one is a current grant recipient. Linda has contacted each applicant requesting Spring grades. She will forward the applicants' information in batches as it becomes available. **The meeting to choose our grant recipients is JUNE 27 AT 9AM VIA ZOOM.**
- Linda sent out to each of us a grid she devised to evaluate each candidate. Guidelines for grading both finances and GPA on a 1-10 scale were discussed. This grid has proven very helpful.
- Linda announced that she was leaving this committee at the conclusion of this year's work. Olga has recommended Eileen Browne as a replacement.

Next Meeting: May 19 at 1pm via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Fairchild