

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE
MARCH 24, 2025

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

LOCATION: Zoom meeting **Time:** 1-2:10

1. Minutes

- February 20, 2025, minutes were approved with following corrections: change in #2 and #3: Trinity Prison Project to Trinity Prison Education Program (TPEP)/LCV Collaboration, and in #4 Nicole Russo is grant coordinator.

2. Deb DeHertogh, Chair and Director ESP

- Deb reported that Sue Aberbach has resigned from this committee, and she thanks her for her leadership both as committee co-chair as well as assisting in the formation of ESP and wishes her well and continued success.

3. Financial Report

- Presently, we have \$85,000 in our checking and money market account combined, after paying \$10,000 for the TPEP/LCV collaboration. Money is still coming in for the Book Author Luncheon and sponsorships. We have budgeted \$40,000 to be used for this year's grants and \$3,100 to sponsor 4 students to attend the NCCWSL/NAPSA conference.

4. Update on TPEP/LCV collaboration

- Judith reported that since it is difficult for a professor to commit to 14 consecutive week course for an outside project, two seven-week courses will be offered. This exposes the student to more than one professor and subject. The courses will be *Introduction to Ethics and Religion and Gender*. These courses are ½ credit each. At Trinity College, courses are given 1 credit for a one semester course but transfers as 3 credits.

5. Age Eligibility cutoff Date for Grant Applicants

- Since 2010 we have required that students must be 20 years old by the end of the grant year. Linda presented data that by keeping with this tradition it allows more rising juniors and senior students to be

eligible to apply for the grant than having the cutoff date when the application is due. A revote was taken with the unanimous decision to keep the date at the end of the year. Thus, this year the student must be 20 years of age by Dec. 31, 2025.

6. Publicity

- Susan will change the poster to reflect the new deadline for turning 20 years of age and forward it to all of us. Judith will change the date on the application and will work with Gloria to update our website. Susan will start posting the flyer bimonthly on Facebook, Black and Hispanic organizations, newspapers (Shoreline groups, The Day, Middletown paper) and send the information to all our members. Olga has the write-up for the newspapers and will forward this to Susan. Judith will send out the grant information to her contacts at community colleges as well as Avery Point. Susan and Olga will print out color flyers and give them to Judith for distribution. Flyers will be available at the Book Author Luncheon registration desk. Everyone on the committee is asked to post the flyers in their town at the post office, town hall, library and any other pertinent location. Please forward where you post the flyer to Susan.

7. NCCWSL/NAPSA Conference

- We currently have two students who want to go to the conference: Ariana Seldon (Howard University) and Cameron Liberty (Skidmore College). We are hoping to send four students. Gloria has someone in mind, Deb will contact CCSU, and the information will be in our newsletter. Olga is making the deadline April 10 for Linda to register everyone. It was unanimously decided to raise the travel money from \$175 to \$200.

8. Ed. Grant—guidelines for students reapplying in successive years

- After discussion, the group decided that a current grant recipient can reapply for the grant. This will not be announced at the luncheon.

9. Other

- Sue is giving Olga all her files and Linda will take over forming the student applicant packages.

Next Meeting: April 29, 2025, at 9am via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Fairchild
Recording Secretary

