

ESP Minutes of Nov 3, 2025

Approved at 12/2/25 ESP Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Chair Judith Slisz; Scholarship Director Olga Saubermann; Fundraising Director Gloria Gery; Treasurer and Director Linda Frigon; Secretary and Director Eileen Browne; Chair Emerita Deborah DeHertogh.

Observers: Jeannette Santovasi, Margie Rice, Penny Hein, Carole Otto, Mary Ann Iadarola, Loraine Cortese-Costa.

The Chair opened the meeting at 2:12 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted with a minor time change by unanimous vote.

Treasurer reported the only significant activity for the month as income of \$7500 from QCDs of LCV members and expenses of \$20,000 in educational grant payments and \$1400 in accounting fees. Other minor expenses and income are listed in the Treasurer's Report available on the Website. Treasurer Frigon explained that while the accounts' total is accurate, money is already committed (\$20,000 in second half educational grant payments and \$25,000 in the Rainy-Day Fund). All detail is included in the website monthly report.

Scholarship Director Saubermann reported that the SSC met in October on Zoom to discuss approaches to streamline the application and selection process and will meet again on November 12 in person at Acton Library at 1:00 pm to formalize policy (requirements, preferences, timing). She also announced that the SSC will be working on Succession Recommendations, probably at a December meeting.

Fundraising Director Gery reported that her committee had sought QCDs from LCV members and will have a January Kick-Off for the BAL. Donations from those with calendar year fiscal cycles will be the focus of early solicitations.

TPEP Slisz, who is also the point person for TPEP collaboration, reported that a former grant recipient, Ashley Doak, now Head of Circulation at East Lyme Library, supported Slisz's request that the town Library purchase 12 copies of a book she recommended to be put into the Prison Library.. The library did so. Trinity will incorporate the book into the Philosophy course it is teaching at the women's prison this spring. She also reported that Quinnipiac, not Trinity, will conduct a summer course this year at the prison. She said she is building relationships with TPEP and the colleges understand there are no funding commitments from LCV/ESP at this time.

Insurance Slisz also reported on the exploration of Directors' and Officer's Liability Insurance she and Treasurer Frigon explored. They participated in a webinar conducted

under the auspices of the same non-profit consortium that assisted ESP to attain tax exempt status: they recommend buying the insurance. In related discussions with the Middlesex County Foundation, Directors Gery and Browne discovered that the Foundation strongly supports purchasing such insurance. Slisz and Frigon obtained bids and proposed purchasing the insurance from Baldwin Agency for \$348/year. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

Adjournment: Slisz accepted a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 pm.