



Wednesday, September 8, 2021
Spellman Education Center
Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Call to Order – Deb Maccariella called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

Present –

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| Cherashore, Linda | Hayes, Beth | Melfi, Laura | Scully, John |
| Cushman, Lori | Lagoy, Matt | Neill, Jen | Sokolowski, Bob |
| D'Ambro, Madison | Maccariella, Deb | Pacitti, Doug | Stanley, Drew |
| Friedmann, Debi | McCreesh, Kelly | Ranalli, Lauren | Winter, Josh |
| Fuller, Stacey | Myhre, Kevin | Salome, Trish | |

The board welcomed Trish Salome as a new board member.

Approval of June 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Discussion: Lauren Ranalli and John Scully asked that the minutes be revised and their names be removed from co-chairs of the fall breakfast.

Board Action: Motion to approve the revised June 16, 2021 meeting minutes was made by Debi Friedmann and seconded by Lori Cushman. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – John Scully reviewed the treasurer's report ending August 31, 2021.

Approval of Disbursements – John Scully asked for approval of the following disbursement:

8/25/2021 PA Free Enterprise Week Check #1192 \$33,125

Discussion: Debi Friedman and Madison D'Ambro spoke about their experience at PFEW this summer.

Board Action: Motion to approve this disbursement was made by Laura Melfi and seconded by Drew Stanley. The motion carried.

Strategic Plan Review

- **Finance** – Objectives stayed the same. EITC goal lowered by \$10k from last year. Asked to have EITC outreach included as an agenda item in October.

- **Mini grants** – the committee will first offer mini grant funding to the teachers who were unable to use their approved mini grants funds in 2019-20 due to CoVid. Total offered will remain at \$35,000 less any 2019-20 mini grants that can run this year. The timeline was reviewed. Announcement flyer to be sent out shortly.
- **Marketing** - treading slowly as uncertainty continues. Debi Friedmann looking into having WCAEF table at local events (e.g. First Fridays). Possible social media presence but may be hard to maintain.

Friday, November 12 Harlem Wizards Fundraiser update

Concerns about rising CoVid numbers and Delta variant has put the fundraiser in jeopardy. Masking, social distancing and possible indoor capacity limits are a concern. Jen Neill to follow up with HW to find out if they are still holding events and get date when we must give them a firm yes/no. Send updated information to the board via email. If delayed, we need to pick a date in the spring. If postponing until spring – contact sponsors to see if they want to carry donation forward or receive a refund.

Follow up:

Provide WCAEF introduction packet for possible new board members (including By-laws etc.)
Link to online EITC promotional information to be sent to board.

Other:

Jen Neill was presented with a certificate of appreciation and thanked for her service.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 am.

Next Meeting:

**Annual Organization Meeting
Wednesday, October 13, 2021
@ 7:30 am**