

**BEAVER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL TRUST**  
**Board or Trustees Meeting**  
**Friday, August 16, 2024**

**Trustees Present:** Michael Jones, Joe Rubino, Dave Wytiaz, Beth Dewhurst, Yvonne Connor, Dan Donnelly, Victor Raskovsky, Tina Genes. Executive Director, Jamie Connelly

Trustees Absent: Lincoln Kretchmar, Roger Davis, Joe Guarino,

President, Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 11:52

**Presentation of Education HOF Award to Betty Sue Schaugheny.**

Victor Raskovsky introduced Betty Sue, her daughter and two grand daughters to the Board. She was very pleased to have the chance to thank the Educational Trust and was very grateful to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

**Presentations From Grant Recipients:**

Katie Katkich, Western Beaver School District and Dawna Miocic, Saints Peter and Paul School, attended the Board meeting and gave us detailed information of how they were able to use the Grant money they were awarded this year.

Katie Katkich project was a Poetry Slam, which included students from Hopewell, Beaver, Beaver Falls and Western Beaver School Districts. Dawna Miocic's project was a Nationality Days. Students in grades 4 - 8 participated and they also were able to share the program with grades K-3.

**Procedural Actions:**

Minutes from the May 17, 2024 meeting were presented for approval. No corrections were noted. Motions to accept the minutes made by Victor Raskovsky, seconded by Joe Rubino. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented for approval. Motion to accept the report was made by Victor Raskovsky, seconded by David Wytiaz. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

Board of Governance:

David Wytiaz reviewed the updates to the Strategic Plan. Board pledge information updated and the creation of Self evaluation forms for Board meeting to complete. Describe where you are as a Board member and Committee service.

Marketing Committee:

Jamie Connelly reported that the committee is updating the tri fold brochure and the newsletter is almost complete. It will be reviewed and should be send out by the end of August. Donor event is scheduled for September 24, 2024 and will be held at Frank G's restaurant.

Program Committee:

Jamie Connelly reported that on the following: The Dolly Parton Imagination Library was considered earlier this year. After review the committee would like to reevaluate participation next year.

The mailings for Growing with Books will now be completed by BCRC. This is their first mailing of they kind. They will provide a quoted once tested.

Jamie asked for a motion to award Donna Step as Teacher of the Year to be presented as the Donor Event in September. Motion to approve Donna Step was made by Joe Rubino, seconded by Victor Raskovsky. Motion Carried.

The committee is thinking of having a Back to School Event. Focus would be a welcome theme, the Trust would focus on mini grant applications, various other vendors would also be invited to attend.

Jamie Connelly will attend the second event sponsored by the Educational Trust and the Wright Promise which is focused on AI.

Recognitions:

Beaver County Foundation:	\$500.00
Beaver Falls Rotary:	\$500.00
Woman's Club of Beaver:	\$100.00
LLS GwB:	\$15,000.00
LLS Mini Grants:	\$30,000.00

Jamie Connelly thanked Beth Dewhurst and Yvonne Connor for volunteering for the Vogel's Kids Day and Dan Donnelly for volunteering to have a car for the Midland 4th of July parade.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Executive Committee

September 5, 2024

Zoom

Board of Trustees

November 14, 2024

11:45 Wooden Angel

With no further business David Wytiaz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:57, seconded by Michael Jones. Motion carried.