

Friends of South Board Meeting Minutes:  
2023-02-13 Meeting

In attendance: Steve Richards, Morgan Stein, Carey Killen, Cindy Roe, Josh Barbour, Dan Ambrose, Paul Schmidt, Sarah Lorge-Butler, Kristen Henry-Lea, Bobby Gibson, Wendy Pierpont, Casey Hire

+ Welcome and introduction of new people: Steve Richards is officiating the meeting along with Morgan Stein.  
Casey Hire

+ Previous meeting minutes: Esther read through the minutes capturing the highlights including the new board members.

+ Current Finances

Morgan updated the endowment. \$100,000 basis. Spendable amount is just over \$3,000. Delivered 50% in June and 50% in Dec. It will go to the axe hall of fame board to see how the board wants to spend it. Morgan went over the amount of money that we have in the fund. Savings account, no monthly fee. Only checking accounts have a monthly fee. Waiting on Kendall to pay. Steve suggested introducing how the accounts work and what happens when the money is withdrawn, it's gone.

IOP reached out and mentioned that they are having difficulty procuring the bicycles that the grant was originally for, since bikes are so expensive. They would like to spend the money on something else on equal or less value. They are asking if it's okay to use the money on gear instead of bikes. Brainstorm collectively to solve the issue of obtaining the bicycles. FOS will work on obtaining the bikes. Morgan will get back to IOP.

Josh Barbour: Suggestion of Shift Community cycles for obtaining bikes.

+ Robotics Club grant announcement: Robotics received an award Eric C. Nil fund awarded SE robotics a \$500 grant. Unknown source...suggestion of reaching out to the club and determining who obtained the award.

+ Upcoming meetings: (second Monday of each month)

March 13th, 6:00pm, South Library

April 10th, 6:00pm, South Library

May 8th, 6:00pm, South Library

+ Update on Celebrate South Planning: Group is working to figure out the future and is thinking

to do it a year from now next February. Dan talked with Casey to get an email started to connect with the Alumni better to invite people to subscribe to a newsletter with updates as to what is going on at SEHS and with the Alumni and what is going on with them.

ie., Matt Kearny's performance at the Shed, as a heads up as to what's happening at school and in town.

Suggestion with an account in order to communicate and connect directly with the Alumni. February might be a better time to hold the event. A meeting soon to establish the perimeter and set a date for the event for next year.

Suggestion of a 4 time a year newsletter to shout out what's happening with alumni.

+ Confirm 2023 grant application and submission due dates (Paul/Kirsten): Great job with new Grant Application Form. Paul is asking, do we want to set a deadline for the grants to come in. Deadline is the historically way. Last couple of years we have funded them all.

April 10<sup>th</sup> as a day for declaring grant submission. Decision time frame date: TBD

Can be made at the next meeting (Target of May 8<sup>th</sup>)

Carey Killen mentioned that if the grant is for tech, they need to get approval from the tech group. She also mentioned that this may be the first time that it is open to students. Funds need to stay within the auspices of the club. Suggestion that the adult advisor is the point person for the grant. Another suggestion is that the student need to CC the staff member. Suggestion of how were students involved with the grant. Students do have the ability to go through their advisor and ask for funds for their club. Suggestion of alerting the students that the grant writing opportunities are happening and can then funnel it through the adult advisor.

Suggestion is: Asking how were students explicitly involved with writing the grant.

Carey is mentioning that donations for teams need to be treated equally: especially if a particular team gets one item, then the item must be given to the equivalent team.

Generally we have pushed away from funding for gear.

+ Discussion on how to establish/grow emailing list:

Steve suggesting a nominal amount for a newsletter, and they are being prompted as well as getting the benefit of the information. Once a year, the chairs can maintain an alumni list to capture the list to update and send people what's happening at south. Multiple benefits to having an updated email list to announce what is happening at South. Would be great to develop a grad connection so students can reach out to the alumni. Providing a reference to the alumni information and maintain the connections.

+ Good of the order: Suggestions of how to make meeting smoother. Email finalized grant application form to Cindy and she will make the changes on the website and announcement will go to Carey and Dave so the clubs can get a hold of information. Can be made into a canvas announcement and everyone will have the information.

+ Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn made by Steve and seconded by Wendy Pierpont