



Town of Weymouth
Scholarship Fund Committee
TOWN HALL, 75 MIDDLE ST., WEYMOUTH, MA 02189
(781) 335-2000



MINUTES
Meeting March 12 2024

The Town of Weymouth Scholarship Fund Committee will meet on March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Tufts Library in meeting room 231.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03pm

Members present: Cindy, Ginny, Annmarie, Michael, Matt

Members absent: Mary Ellen, Alicia, Sheri

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: February

Motioned by: Annmarie

Seconded by: Matt

All present were in favor.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Ginny Snell

- Excise mailing
 - Excise mailings went out.
 - On boat excise mailings - there is a tear-off portion for the Weymouth Scholarship Fund Committee that we were unaware of. It has an old ask ladder (starting with \$1)
- FAQ for website update
 - Ginny updated the FAQ on the website for improved language.
- Reschedule Donna Shea recognition
 - April 28th? Cindy will confirm. Other possible dates: May 5, May 19

TREASURER'S REPORT: Michael Grafton

- Account Update
 - \$125,600 taken out for prior year scholarships
 - \$498K in balance
 - ~280k top 6 sponsors.
- Motioned by: Cindy
- Seconded by: Matt



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- All present were in favor.
- Budget Update
 - Fully paid for our large bills this year.
 - Over budget by \$1,444.68 for the year due to printing cost increases (as expected)

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Corresponding Secretary** (Sheri Eldridge) not present
- **Sponsor Liaison** (Annmarie Rush)
 - Annmarie is reaching out to ensure all payments are collected before March 15th. Waiting on Noble, DeLuze, Eagles, Lions, Town Taxi, Weymouth Club. McKean and Hopper are not yet at their prior year level.
 - Complete list of sponsorships available to award was given to Cindy
 - Annmarie discussed the sponsor "wishlist" document. Most sponsors have no preference.
 - It appears we will have 37 sponsors this year, with 44 scholarships to be awarded (not including Pizzi renewals)
 - This number includes Concannon Memorial from a deferred scholarship.
 - There will be 3 new Pizzi scholarships this year.
 - The Mary Pottle Trust: we haven't received word back on what amount they would like to give out each year. We recommend that we give out a \$2,000 scholarship in her name. Annmarie will reach out to them to confirm.
- **Award Selection** (Cindy Page)
 - Cindy updated all scoring sheets so that they can be uploaded to the drive.
 - Proposed adjustment to scoring was put before the committee for voting: Adjust points awarded to goals/aspirations and financial need sections by deducting 2 from goals and adding 2 points to financial need.
 - Motion to accept: Michael
 - Second: Jaimie
 - All present were in favor. The motion passed.



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- Discussed that we should digitize the old physical copies of scholarship winner brochures throughout the years. Cindy has them since the inception of the committee.
- As of yesterday, we've received 5 Pizzi renewals and 42 applicants.
- For next year's application format changes: clean up the Financial form and take a look at signatures and what page they're on, as it currently is confusing for the applicants.
- **Publicity and Recognition** (Matt Tierney)
 - Matt will be posting on Facebook every day this week.
 - Reached 5,700 people with a recent post. 337 People engaged with it, and 36 clicked the link..
- **Town Website Support** (Jaimie Lane) No new news.
- **Scholarship Applicants Coordinator** (Michael Grafton and Jaimie Lane)
 - Beginning data input of application cover sheets.
- **Nominating Committee 2024** (Matt Tierney and Cindy Page) - N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

- Collection of student information - update on SSNs
 - No new news, will keep on the agenda for next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Money for Scholarship
 - Total amount to be awarded this year
 - If we award a minimum of \$2,000 per award (some sponsored scholarships are more), we can award 44 scholarships for a total of \$102,600. This number includes new Pizzi awards, but excludes Pizzi renewals. (Additional \$33K for Pizzi renewals.) This amount will change slightly based on sponsors who have not paid.
 - TWSF award amounts-augment scholarships up to \$2,000 like last year
 - Yes, we would like to continue giving \$2,000 as a minimum scholarship.
 - Estimate: \$135,600 total award including Pizzi renewals
 - Confirm sponsors in so far/anticipated to be in for awards this year
 - Already discussed in Annmarie's report.



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- Ceremony initial discussion
 - Point people for ceremony program/logistics/food/photographer
 - Address at next meeting.
 - Matt will reach out to the photographer we used and look into getting a backdrop.
- Agenda item for future meeting:
 - Figure out what each committee member spends out of pocket on committee expenses.
- Non-winner communication this year.
 - For applicants who are not awarded a scholarship, we will not send physical letters this year, but will send emails. This will also save on postage and printing costs.

FUTURE MEETING DATE:

- NEW date: 4/16/24 (moved from 4/9) 7:00pm
- 4/23/24 (hold for possible meeting if needed)
- Ceremony May 28, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: 8:13

Motioned: Cindy

Second: Ginny

All present in favor.