

**BINGHAMTON DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2017**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Betsy Williams	Karen King
Loi Tran	Karen Whalen
Korin Spencer	Derek Vladescu
Roxie Oberg	Sally Crossley
Barbara Putrino	Mary Ann Carangelo
Nick Matyas	Betsy Carlin
Emily Dabek	Carol Oestrich
Susan Newcomb	

Meeting called to order at 4:40 pm

MINUTES

Karen King took the minutes. November 2017 minutes were approved.

Betsy started the meeting off by thanking and welcoming new members Sally Crossley, Mary Ann Carangelo, and Derek Vladescu.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carol O reported a balance of \$41,618.87 as of 11/21/17. Reported both CDs will mature on 11/6/18 in the amount of \$20,000. Karen Whalen said that we never got a check from Pizzeria UNO. She will call and check on it.

SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE

Emily reported that December 1 the application went live – this was the earliest this has happened. Good job getting this up so early! There were problems last year with the students understanding how to fill it out. Emily, Nick and Teena reviewed the application, evaluated where the problem spots are and rewrote the instructions. Teena will make copies of the instructions. Students that need help can go to the College and Career Center, BHS library and Liberty Partnership. It will remain open until 3/23/18. After that date, there will be a meeting to do the scoring.

WEBSITE & PROMO COMMITTEE

Betsy tweeted for the first time – yay, Betsy!! Loi has been putting up promotional materials at various locations throughout town regarding \$4S and Amazon Smile. Loi is doing a great job of getting the word out but he needs input from all of us. Please let Loi know of anything that you would like on our website or other various social media and remember to send him any photos he can use.

FUNDRAISERS

Barnes & Noble – December 17 from 10 am – 8 pm – lots of students have signed up for the gift wrapping, which is scheduled 4 students for 2 hrs. Board Members who volunteered to work it are: Susan, with Korin (10-2), Barbara, with Mary Ann helping (2-5), and Sally, with Corinne helping (5-8). Thank you! Susan is getting bows; B&N is providing tape and gift wrap. Barb has tags. People are to tell

the cashier that they are buying for D4S. Susan asked for someone to bring clear jar for tips. Susan will send promotional information to Betsy and Loi. Thanks Susan for setting this up.

Trivia Night (Karen W.) – February 23. Larry Kassan will be the Emcee again. Bob Williams is generously sponsoring a student team for Trivia Night – thanks, Bob! Karen suggested that other businesses could sponsor student teams. Karen is looking for donations for food/prizes. Karen is going to call Moe's about donating food. If anyone has contacts for donations for sponsoring a team, food or prizes please let Karen know.

Phone-A-Thon – Carol O will again send out letters to previous donors which is our biggest fundraiser. The following ideas were discussed - try social media, contact previous recipients of D4S scholarships; maybe get 1 person from each class. Derek said he would work on that. Karen W will send out message on FB to classes 2007, 2008, 2011 & 2012, Mary Ann suggested a friendly competition between classes on FB to see who could raise the most money. Derek is reaching out to class of 2001. Roxie and Sally will go to each school building for fundraising. Susan will contact Maggie Gilroy at the Press about Phone-A-Thon.

Fish Fry - Korin/Susan/Betsy will work on this and get a date.

Play Raffle Tickets – Larry Kassan has again arranged for two free tickets for us to raffle off. This year the play is Dirty Dancing. Thank you, Larry! Tickets will be sold at BHS school concerts on 12/11, 12/14, 12/20. Mary Ann is selling tickets on 12/11, Roxie is selling tickets on 12/14, and Barb is selling tickets on 12/20. Table should be ready by 6:30. Betsy will get students to help and have supplies ready at the College and Career center. Tickets were also distributed to all board members to sell.

Gault Auto – Loi has application and will do that

Amazon Smiles – Loi made arrangements. Click link on D4S website, .5% goes to \$4S. Please encourage all your friends and family to use this.

THOUGHTS FOR FUNDRAISERS

Staff vs Students basketball game – Roxie will look into

Fundraiser at BU Union – Derek looking into

In-Service Day (3/16/18) – sell soup? Betsy & Nick looking into

First Friday Table – Karen K will look into

NEXT BOARD MEETING- JAN 8

first Monday in January is New Year day, therefore in order for all of us to be awake we will meet on Jan 8