

BILLERICA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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A meeting of the Billerica Scholarship Foundation was held on July 12, 2023, in the Collins Room at Billerica Town Hall.

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Brenda MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

Members present, who constituted a quorum: Larry Norman, Al Tassone, Patty Membrino, Jim Spinale, Sean Simonini, Jim Gately, Mike Rosa, Brenda MacDonald, and Sharon Ferris. Those who were absent: Darlene Torre and Tracy DeJoy.

The Secretary's report of the June minutes was presented. Mike Rosa made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Larry Norman. All were in favor of accepting the minutes.

Brenda MacDonald wanted to let us know that Darlene Torre is still having some health issues.

Awards Night Wrap-up – The out of district awards before our last meeting went well. The room at BATV was great. We would like to use this room again if needed. Next year, we could have the meeting first, at an earlier time, before the awards. It was nice to be able to talk with the recipients.

Corresponding Secretary's report – Sharon Ferris said that we are up to date.

Dine to Donate – Brenda MacDonald said that Tracy DeJoy had nothing to report. She is waiting for a lot of places to get back to her.

Calendar Updates – Patty Membrino said the calendar is almost ready to go to print. She wanted to confirm the date of the Class of drawing. Brenda MacDonald said we could go with May 17 again. Mike Rosa said he would be the Buy-Back sponsor again, but Brenda's company is doing it this year. He said he would do it next year. Patty said she will call Gilda to drop off the flash drive for printing.

Savers Drive – Sharon Ferris said the date for drop off will be January 6, 2024. Sharon said Savers in Wilmington is no longer accepting donations, so we would have to go to Nashua, which is further. Mike Rosa asked what about Helpsys? This is the company the town uses. Mike had talked with Clancy Main about information regarding the collection with that company. Mike and Sharon will talk about the information gathered, and about switching from Savers to Helpsys. Patty will change the information in the calendar to just say clothing drive, without using Savers.

Farmers Market – We will have a spot on August 28. Brenda asked if we could order a new tablecloth and tent banners before then. We want to advertise being there. There is not a lot of room on the message boards out on the street. It would be better to advertise on the Town Hall TVs. Parking at the new site will be on Grove St. Brenda asked who would be there-Patty, Brenda, maybe Sean and Larry.

Yankee Doodle – It will be on September 23. We understand that we have the same spot as last year. We have already talked about the craft; we are not doing a raffle basket. It is important for us to put on social media that we will be there. Sharon Ferris needs pictures from the Tech awards and out of district awards to make the poster boards. Sean Simonini has them and will get them to Sharon.

Misc. other business – Brenda MacDonald said she had a fund-raising idea: 50/50 raffle at football games. Al Tassone said Pop Warner and the Athletic Association do them already and at other sporting events, too. It would be nice to have something to replace Floral Night. Al Tassone said the Boys & Girls Club partners with the 99 to do raffles. Maybe we could do that. Sharon Ferris said the raffle of the roll of scratch tickets is ready to begin. Jim Spinale said he would take 30 or 40. Will have to rely on facebook sales with Venmo. The rest that need to be sold will have to be the rest of the committee. Tickets are \$20. Brenda said she would take some. Samples of shirts and jackets were brought out again. The one chosen by the group was a polo-blue with our logo. We will be paying for our own shirts. Sharon will also check out lightweight jackets. At our September meeting we will need to elect new officers.

The next regular meeting will be held on August 2, 2023, at 7 PM in Collins Room at the Town Hall.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Larry Norman, seconded by Sean Simonini; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:39PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Membrino, Secretary