



THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Board of Directors

April 29-30, 2023

Crown Plaza Desmond, Albany, NY

Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Susan Summerfield, (2024) *Pi-C*, President
Deborah Bedard, (2026) *Alpha Epsilon, C*,
Secretary
Amy Zimmerman, (2023) *Alpha Tau, EC*, Director
Jean Sekel, (2024) *Pi, C*, Treasurer
Karen Crumley, *Tau, E*, Parliamentarian

Directors Absent: Ellen Hughes, (2025) *Beta Delta-EC*,
Vice-President

Members Present: 19 members on April 29, 52 members on April 30
(Appendix A)

- I. Meeting was called to order by Sue Summerfield, President, at 3:32 pm**
- II. Welcome-President Sue Summerfield thanked members for attending.**
- III. The members of the Board of Directors were introduced.**
- IV. Financial Report-Jean Sekel Treasurer**
 - A. Jean distributed copies of the annual financial report. (Appendix B) As of 4/25/2023 an ending balance of \$8,276.98 was reported. Jean shared that over the past 18 years \$45,186.22 in grants have been awarded. The average amount grant recipients received was \$717.25.**

- C. Celia Ciosi (*Alpha Tau*) “Canandaigua Children’s Book Fest”-** presented by Amy Zimmerman-this is a community literacy program that occurred in 2021 with 140 participants. The event included 11 authors the students could meet, have their pictures taken with, and get books signed. Where appropriate crafts were available and book characters were also in attendance. It is hoped this event will be repeated.
- D. Jen Lester (*Alpha Tau*)-“Interactive Read Aloud Project”-** presented by Amy Zimmerman-ELA books will be purchased for interactive read alouds. ELA skills will be stressed and deeper discussions will be fostered than regular read alouds.
- E. Regina Anderson and Kate Elder (*Alpha Psi*)-“Radez Summer Reading Program: Bookmobile”.** Cobleskill is a rural community, with high poverty rates. Many students would have to find transportation up to 10 miles to visit a library during the summer. The purpose of the project was to address reading loss, provide growth mindset and steam activities, and foster enjoyment of reading. Students attended once a week meetings, participated in book exchanges. A little library was designed and built by high school students. Four staff members and 20 kids began the program. It now affects more than 50 students with 60-70 books exchanged each month from July-September.
- F. Heather Hubbard (*Pi*)-“Family Circle”-**presented by Sue Summerfield. This event occurred in March at the Ft. Plain Library. The purpose of the event was to address reading, writing and social/emotional needs through games. 35 people attended the first event. Families were provided take home book bags filled with games to continue to learning and fun at home.
- G. Anna Marie Bonafide (*Alpha Nu*)-“Alpha Nu Domestic Shelter Literacy Program”** Alpha Nu has been supporting a domestic shelter with pocketbooks filled with supplies for women. A new component to the program seeks to also provide families with books to foster literacy. The grant helped to purchase books.

- VII. Pi State Educational Foundation Literacy Scholarship Winner- Jamie Walsh (*Tau*) This is the first time this scholarship will be awarded. Jamie will be presented a certificate during a *Tau* Chapter meeting by Karen Crumley.**
- VIII. Grants and Scholarship Reminders-Sue reminded members of dates for grants and scholarship applications.**
- A. Pi State Educational Foundation Grant-May 1st, November 1st.**
- B. Pi State Foundation Literacy Scholarship Application- February 15th.**
- IX. Increase Membership-Sue urged members to continue to financially support the Foundation.**
- X. BY-LAWS Review-Sue reported to the membership that the Directors will be reviewing our governing documents this summer. BY-LAWS changes will be shared and then voted on during our next spring annual meeting. (Spring 2024 in Utica)**
- XI. Concerns from membership-none were expressed.**
- XII. Meeting suspended at 4:17.**
- XIII. Meeting reconvened at 11:50 am on Sunday, April 30th. A quorum has been reached and voting can proceed.**
- XIV. Election of one Director (con't)-Sue asked for nominations from the floor for the Director vacancy. Hearing none:**
- Suzanne Patrick moved that “Nominations from the floor be closed.” Seconded by Jean Sekel.**
- Motion approved unanimously**
- Sue asked the Secretary to cast one ballot for Beryl Szwed to serve as Directory, 2023-2027 (full term).**
- XV. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.**