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**SUN PRAIRIE BUSINESS AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP**  
**May 19, 2021 – Minutes (taken by Betsy Butler)**

**BEP Board Members:** Carol Albright, Craig Couthardt, Vince Brandl, Ray Koepcke, Christi Winchel, Jill Conaway, Stephanie Wallom, Chris Swenson, Stephanie Leonard-Witte, Patrick Malinowski, Jen Mead, Pam Blattner, Marv Hupp, Karen Bailey, David Thwing, Krista Kaltenberg, Jim Ertel, Betsy Butler. **Additional BEP Members:** n/a

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:34 am by Patrick Malinowski on Zoom.

**Approval of 4-21-21 BEP Minutes:** Motion made by Winchel; seconded by Koepcke to approve the April minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Everson unable to attend today. Her report states that all is well with ~\$6000 used to pay the Reading Buddies books; \$7 charge for the Adopt-a-Future letters. Our investments are doing well. Koepcke confirmed the accounts.

**Calendar of Events:** Nothing new at this time; the August meeting will be held at Summit Credit Union.

**Unfinished/New Business:** Malinowski thanked all members for their support this year. Carol Albright stated she will be continuing as the Board BEP representative.

**Slate / Officers for Next Year:** Betsy Butler presented the slate of officers for the 2021-2022 school year: Vince Brandl, president; Pam Blattner, vice president; Nancy Everson, treasurer; and Betsy Butler, secretary. A motion to approve the slate was made by Winchel and seconded by Ripp. The motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

- Adopt a Future: Jim Ertel was at Scholarship Award Night and shared that things went well.
- Adopt a School: Currently on hold.
- GRIT:
  - Elementary level - Kaltenberg shared that there is nothing new at this time.
  - Middle school level - Vince Brandl had spoken with Pam about ways to involve different teachers, so he looking at possibilities for that. He'd like to see a program that connects the 3 (as of next year) middle schools.
  - Upper middle school - Ryan Newquist was not present. No report.
  - High school level - Student Ryan Clark received the GRIT award for his work at QBE. Koepcke commented how impressed he was with the support that Ryan received from his co-workers. There is another award being given at Summit Credit Union next week.

- Marketing/Membership/PR: Chris Swenson reported that \$5925 came in through dues this year. Our big expenditure this year (Reading Buddies) cost about the same amount. We ended the year in about the same spot financially as we started the year.
- Reading Buddies: Stephanie Leonard-Witte reported that things are wrapping up in May. Leonard-Witte will send a survey out regarding teachers' preferences for book ordering for next year and get feedback on how things went this year. It was suggested to order the first book for all teachers and then let the teachers decide their preference after that month.
- Reality Rocks: Malinowski reported that there was nothing new here.

#### **BEP Programs / Activities:**

- Mock Interviews: No requests have been made.
- Working Wednesdays: Jim Ertel is looking forward to moving forward with this next year.
- Job Fair - On hold.
- Senior Exit Interviews - This will be re-evaluated next year.

#### **Other Items of Interest for the BEP Board:**

- Swenson asked about ordering pencils and or folders for next year; we will need to take an inventory of what we currently have to determine this. Swenson will send out some dates for getting help on the counting.
- The new Sacred Hearts representative will be Dianne Metz. Thank you to Jill Conaway and Krista Kaltenberg for their years of service to the BEP.
- Members of the board thanked Patrick Malinowski for serving as president this year. Christi Winchel thanked the teachers for all they did during a very difficult year. Vince Brandl thanked all board members for their service this year.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Albright; seconded by Winchel. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

**Next meeting:** Our next board meeting is Thursday, August 19, 2021, 7:30 a.m. at

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