

SHINING LIGHT FOUNDATION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD: Monday, March 17, 2025 at 5:30 pm

LOCATION: Live Oak Wealth Advisors, 1042 Camelia Blvd, Suite 11, Lafayette, LA

ATTENDEES:

Dr. Carolyn French, President
Cynthia Dauphin, Vice President
Bruce Snow, Treasurer
Sandra Wilcox, Secretary
Perry Scotola, Parliamentarian
Rose Hoffman Cormier
Kerry Douglas
Cheryl Evans
Mike Huber
Marietta LaBauve
Michelle Luquette
Cathy Meche
Darrell Meche

Guest Speaker: Kelsie Tarbell, Girls on the Run. Website: www.girlsontherunsola.org

Mission: We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.

This is a national program under the Baton Rouge Chapter. For the Spring, there is a 6-week program in 5 schools (Alice Boucher, Green T. London, JW Faulk, Prairie and Ridge Elementary schools). The approximate 250 students meet twice a week for 1.5 hours. At the end of the season, they have a 5K run scheduled 5/4/2025 at 2:00 pm at Moncus Park. The Heart & Sole program is for 6th-8th grade and there is a team from Paul Breaux Middle School. The fee for a session is \$185.00 and students complete an online application, and it is needs based. They request parents pay at least \$25.00. There is also a shoe fund to provide running shoes for the students. Nationally they have partnered with Adidas. Most of the coaches are Lafayette teachers.

On motion from Darrell, seconded by Rose, the minutes of meeting held 2/17/2025 were approved.

Treasurer's Report as of 3/1/2025

\$ 3,888.58 Beginning Balance 8/1/2024
\$ 4,980.05 Transfer from investment account 10/17/2024
\$ 9,980.05 Transfer from investment account 12/18/2024
\$ 600.00 Donations
\$ 1.00 Interest
\$14,079.50 Scholarships
\$ 553.99 Expenses
\$ 4,816.19 Ending Balance

\$102,522.30 Invested
\$ 862.50 Escrow

Financial Advisor's review - Account Balance 3/17/2025 is \$90,453.

Old Business

- 1) The Google Doc Survey was sent board members to ask if they wish to continue on the Shining Light Foundation board. Cheryl will call Rene, and Rose will call Mary Speyer for a response. Carolyn will resend to those that have not responded. Board members to be removed are Misty Carrier, Tony Moore, and Lana Swanwick. Michelle offered to forward the next meeting notice as a meeting invite that will offer the recipients to add to their calendars for reminders.

New Business

- 1) We received a \$500.00 donation from The Blackbaud Giving Fund/Chevron from Bruce Snow.
- 2) Cynthia shared with the board that the Acadiana High School Business Academy partnered with PJ Coffee Shop to open a coffee shop inside the school giving students a real-world business experience. She also plans to reach the current Principal and Assistant Principal to discuss Love Our Schools program.
- 3) On Track by Five Alliance – Carolyn shared the thank you notes received from the daycare they visited as a result of a state tax business credit that redirects taxes to help fund Child Care Resource and Referral. Michelle can assist with providing information on the program.

Scholarships:

The board previously approved funding for:

Woodvale Elementary School – Gifted Field Trip – Louisiana Art & Science Museum

Grade 2 – Braxton Zorn - \$75.00

David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy – All Acadiana All Star Band Trip

Grade 10 - Lestat Brasseaux - \$500.00.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm. Next meeting date will be held on April 24, 2025 at 5:30 pm at Live Oak Wealth Advisors, 1042 Camelia Blvd., Suite 11, Lafayette, LA. Refreshments at 5:00 pm.