

## **North Yarmouth School Fund Trustees Annual Meeting February 16, 2022**

An in-person meeting was held at the Wescustogo Community Center, with trustees Baston, Barter, Hayes, Merrill, and Shardlow in attendance. Trustee Smith arrived after the meeting began, and Trustee Fowler was absent.

President Barter called the meeting to order, and Mr. Merrill shared minutes he had taken at the December 8, 2021 meeting. It was voted to accept the minutes, motion by Hayes and second by Shardlow.

The Annual Meeting minutes from February 17, 2021 were shared, and approved as read.

Under Old Business a lengthy discussion about award notification ensued. In spite of emails being sent to each award recipient (June 16, 2021) none of them had collected their award check. After hearing that no checks had been claimed by February 2022, Dixie double checked to determine that emails had been sent (they were, on June 16, 2021) and followed up with phone calls and messages to each recipient. She also mailed a copy of the award email and a brief note to each.

Many possible reasons were suggested to explain the lack of response from students, including the observation that kids don't regularly check their email, and it was decided to include language on the application form, informing applicants that award notification would be **via email**.

The timeframe for applications and announcement of grant recipients was discussed, noting that drawing names at a Select Board meeting called attention to the fund, which we agree is a good thing. President Barter appointed Trustees Hayes and Smith to work with Anne Cornish at the Greely High Guidance Office to make the process as easy as possible for students, school staff, Town Office staff, and NYSF Trustees. It was suggested that announcing the recipients at all appropriate Awards events, and including recipient names in appropriate programs

would also heighten the visibility of NYSF and Nelson and Dixie will report on whatever steps might be taken for that to happen.

The Trustees re-visited the approach we are taking to award as many grants as possible, while still building the investment account. It was decided that we should increase the principle by \$2500.00, adding to the present \$47,000. Linc moved to do so, and Nelson seconded. It was approved unanimously.

The slate of officers for the coming year remains the same: President Blaine Barter, Vice-President Linc Merrill, Secretary Dixie Hayes.

Linc moved to adjourn the meeting, Clark seconded, and all agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dixie E Hayes, Secretary