

## Robinson Trustee Meeting Minutes

Wed. Nov. 15, 2023

DTC Offices 3:45 PM

In Attendance: William Perkins, Deb Merrill, Jamie Sirois, Leslie Haslam, Gwen English, Jane McCaffery;

Absent: Kate Miller

Meeting began at 3:49 PM

### 1. Welcome!

- Check William Robinson Trust Fund GMAIL
  - Nothing in email to address

### 2. Approval of Minutes- [RTF Oct. 18, 2023 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)

Leslie Haslam made a motion to accept the corrected minutes from October 18, 2023; Deb Merrill seconded.

All in favor.

### 3. Treasurer's Report - Debbie

Checking Account - \$79,697.61

Deposits of \$3,473.32 from the investment account.

Income from dividends & interest of \$210.16

Investment Account - \$2,193,518.76 as of 10/31/2023

Expenses: \$5,029.49 for 4th Quarter Raymond James fee for 92/365 days at .90% on \$2,217,124.24 .

Gwen English motions to accept the treasurer's report with corrections (removal of parenthetical information); Leslie Haslam seconded.

All in favor.

### 4. Scholar Updates- Debbie

No correspondence from students.

### 5. Student Application Assistance

- EHS- Leslie
  - Our application has been moved to the top of the list in Naviance.
- GBCS- Bill
  - Spoke to Stacy Clarke at GBCS about Robinson Trustees going to GBCS to support the application process.
  - Workshopping with students in February.
- SST -
  - Nothing to report at this time.
  - Gwen English will reach out for an update to share at next meeting.
- Other
  - The state has released an option for support with college applications online.
    - Jane McCaffery did a little research on how it works; what schools are using it; how school counselors are using and sharing it, etc.
    - Spoke with 5 different schools (public high schools in NH)

- Only 2 of the schools have dedicated people to support the college application process.
  - It is in BETA stages, so it is still in development.
- The trustees are very appreciative of the research Jane did.

## 6. Need vs. Academic Standing Discussion

- We want to make sure that the money we award students is going to be used to its full potential.
- We want there to be a need partnered with academic success
- Do we give points to students who are working full time (rather than solely community service)?
  - Yes, it is included in one of the categories but as trustees we need to really focus on work experience in addition to community service
    - On March Agenda Bill will remind us of this discussion about valuing work experience as much as we do the community service as this shows commitment and in fact, working does give back to the community

## 7. Parents' Financial Information Disclosure

- If we do not receive two parents financial documentation we will contact the family to receive additional information.

Kate Miller arrived late.

## 8. Updates

- Right to Know- Kate
  - We are doing well for our meeting protocols
  - Open record component needs some further research...
    - Applications
    - Grant Form
    - Letter to other schools informing about scholarships.
- Exeter Organizations Mtg - Kate

## 9. Other

- Upcoming trustee positions
  - You have to be an Exeter resident to be a trustee.
  - We will have two open seats, one ready for the January ballot; one later in the 2024 year.
- Grant update/discussion tabled for December meeting

## 10. Set Next Meeting Date and Time

12/14/23 @ 3:45 PM at DTC Lawyers

## 11. Adjourn

Leslie Haslam motions to adjourn; Jane McCaffery seconded the motion.  
All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:41