

West Boylston Scholarships Cmte Meeting
Oct 21, 2019 @ W.B. Town Offices

Those present: B. Dow, J. Kujala, J. Johnson
Karen Fotos ... Kim Hopewell was
absent

Commence @ 2¹⁸ p.m.

hand out given

Approval of 4-8-19 meeting +
motion by Karen + 2nd by Janet
to approve - unanimous

Thank You note from Kayla Meade
a scholarship recipient read
by Joyce

Joyce checked w Town as to
\$5854⁸¹ in scholarship funds
as of ~~6-30~~ 7-1-19 but \$2000
still owed to Kayla + Monica of
past recipients
Approx. \$525 increase

We gave out only 2 scholarships
last time

Joyce - money coming in is a
lot less than the \$ going out

Joyce introduced a letter dated 10-15-19 from Douglas Horke, Veterans Service Officer, Town of West Boylston as to them awarding \$500 per scholarship

Karen - do they give 1, 2 or 3 scholarships

Karen offered to e-mail him but Joyce will talk to Mr. Horke in person as to what this entails

Karen - does he want us to handle it

Joyce - they ask of their application for total family income

Can we put it on our application because they do.

Bernie was asked by Joyce if asking income was allowed + Bernie responded no

We all agreed unanimously that

we would offer one student from the h.s. + one adult (post high school) each for \$1000 for a total of \$2000

Karen: "there is only one more year we can afford scholarships"

We spoke of newer businesses (i.e. manufatura) coming into town and their possibly contributing \$ or tax \$ receipts

Joyce: we have given out 52 scholarships from 2007 thru 2017

Joyce + Beanie were the only members on the comtee at that time

In 2007 we had \$3,000 in the fund

We have been @ \$1000 each scholarship since 2009 + some recipients got it more

then once i.e. Novia + Menendez

Karen likes that recipient can be post high school

Joyce - we had mothers going back to school for maybe dental hygienists + we wanted to reward them

Karen questioned why we don't require letter of recommendation + Joyce addressed that it is a lot of work for the secretary at the school

Karen - a letter of recommendation would talk of the student's character which would meet State guidelines

Bernie stated we should leave the application process alone other than slight changes we have made over the 10 years + we basically all agreed after discussion to not change any requirements

Next meeting date: April 6 (Monday)
at 2¹⁵ p.m.

February 24th is when applications
will be due (the following Monday
after Feb. school vacation).

Last year per Joyce we met on April
8th, 2019

Bunce asked if anyone will speak
to Kim as to her status

Joyce states she will get in touch
with her + she watches her 2 yr
old grandchild on Tues + Thursday
Adjourn @ 3⁰³ p.m.