



Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Foundation, Inc.

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Retired, Chief of Police

MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: One Buc Place
1 Buccaneer Place
Tampa, FL 33607

1. Call to order: 6:04 PM by President Greg Mertz
 - a. Board members present: President Greg Mertz, Vice President Brooke Harris Wetzork, Treasurer Mike Kovacsev, Secretary Dave Romine, Directors: Bobby O'Neill, John Wilson, Brian Ford, Lee Bercaw, Jeff Young, Elizabeth Frazier, Ken Albano, Jim Boyce, Dan Slaughter, Foundation Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner, TBACPA President Robert Ura.
2. Approval of minutes: December 5, 2023
 - a. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bobby O'Neill, a second was made by Ken Albano. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Committee reports:
 - a. Finance report: Treasurer Mike Kovacsev (with assistance from immediate past Treasurer Dan Slaughter) presented a written financial report with verbal highlights. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Lee Bercaw, a second was made by Bobby O'Neill. The Financial Report was unanimously approved.
 - b. Training updates:
 - i. \$10,450 - 50 students, 1 day academy, civilian employees of Police Departments. previously approved.
 - ii. \$19,800 - 4 students, Pasco County Sheriff's Office Command School. Previously approved.
 - iii. \$846 - 2 students, City of North Port, COPS training, travel, room and board only. Previously approved.
 - iv. \$5,000 - Special Olympics, Sponsorship of one foursome, golf tournament. Previously approved.
 - v. \$1,000 - A request from Big Brothers / Big Sisters for a four-person team - "Bowl for Kids' Sake" on 04/13/2024. A motion to approve was made by Bobby O'Neill, a second was made by Elizabeth Frazier. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - vi. \$10,000 - A request from Suncoast Alliance for First Responders (SAFR), to support the Hope Line for First Responders. A motion to approve was made by Jeff

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Young, a second was made by John Wilson. The motion was unanimously approved.

- vii. \$34,250 - A request to fund the Reed School of Interrogation (cost is if the class is full). A motion to approve was made by Lee Bercaw, a second was made by Mike Kovacev. The motion was unanimously approved.
- viii. \$1,000 - For Foundation President Greg Mertz to attend the Florida Police Chiefs Training Conference in June. TIA Chief Charlie Vasquez will be sworn in as the new FPCA President. A motion to approve was made by Jeff Young, a second was made by Elizabeth Frazier. The motion was unanimously approved.
- ix. \$5,000 - A recommendation to donate to the FPCA Training Conference in June. A motion to approve was made by Jeff Young, a second was made by Mike Kovacev. The motion was unanimously approved.

c. TBACPA update:

- i. Association President Col. Ura gave an update on the Association's Training, Leadership Course, Command School, and Scholarships.

4. New Business:

- a. By-Laws: It has been recommended that our By Laws be amended to reflect that 51 percent of the Foundation membership be active Law Enforcement (OR) Lifetime Members. Association President, Col. Ura will address this issue with the Association's definition of a Lifetime Member.
- b. Suncoast Alliance for First Responders (SAFR). * See 3b6 above.
- c. 2024 Gala: Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner gave an update on new sponsors.

5. Old Business: None

6. Adjourn: A motion to Adjourn was made by Jeff Young, a second was made by Elizabeth Frazier. The motion was unanimously approved. President Mertz adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, June 25, 2024
1 Tropicana Field
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
Tampa Bay Rays V. Seattle Mariners
5:30PM