



Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Education & Research Foundation, Inc.

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MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Four Green Fields, 802 N. 12th Street, Tampa, Fl. 33602

1. Call to order: 6:25 PM by President Greg Mertz
 - a. Board members present: President Greg Mertz, Vice President Brooke Harris Wetzork, Treasurer Dan Slaughter, Secretary Dave Romine, Directors: Robert O'Neill, John Wilson, Lee Bercaw, Jeff Young (by phone), Anthony Holloway, Foundation Attorney, Andra Dreyfus, Association representative to the Foundation, Association President Chris Daniel, Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner.
2. Approval of the minutes: December 7th. 2022. A motion to approve the minutes was made by John Wilson. A second to approve was made by Lee Bercaw. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Committee reports:
 - a. Finance report: Treasurer Dan Slaughter submitted a written and verbal report including an executive summary of total account balances, notable expenses since last board meeting (12/5/22), and notable deposits / donations since last board meeting (12/5/22). As of March 3rd, 2023, the Foundation's total account balance is \$462,560.40. It was recommended that the unused portion of the \$23,850 approved for FBI - LEEDA Leadership Training (tuition for 10) be rolled over to the next budget. Lee Bercaw motioned approval of this recommendation. Anthony Holloway seconded. The recommendation was unanimously approved. It was recommended that the academic and the Police Academy scholarships both be increased to 5 each. Anthony Holloway motioned approval of this recommendation. John Wilson seconded. This recommendation was unanimously approved. It was recommended that all scholarships be restricted to agency personnel and families of the rank of Lieutenant and below. Captain's and above and their immediate families will not be eligible. Dan Slaughter motioned approval of this recommendation. Brooke Harris Wetzork seconded. This recommendation was passed unanimously. Lee Bercaw motioned approval of the Treasurer's Financial report. Robert O'Neill seconded. The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.
 - b. TBACPA report: Chief Chris Daniel, President of the TBACPA presented a verbal report on membership issues and Officer Wellness programs. St. Petersburg College's Peer to

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Peer Support Certificate program for Officer Wellness was discussed. Anthony Holloway requested that \$25,000 be budgeted for scholarships to this program. Robert O'Neill motioned for approval of this request. Lee Bercaw seconded. The request was unanimously approved.

4. New Business: a.

a. About Us - Mission Statement - Vision Statement:

President Mertz provided written copies of the old and proposed new: About Us - Mission Statement -and Vision Statement. Input had been previously solicited from all the Foundation Board members regarding these three issues. Anthony Holloway motioned that the new drafted 1. About Us, 2. Mission Statement, and 3. Vision Statement be approved. Robert O'Neill seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

President Mertz discussed the proposal of changing the name of the Foundation to: The Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Foundation. from: The Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Education & Research Foundation. This was tabled pending the Foundation Attorney reviewing any potential legal issues with our articles of incorporation, by laws, any state filings, and any potential conflicts with our new About Us, Mission Statement, and Vision Statement.

- b. Special Olympics: A request from Brian Ford Jr. of the Florida Special Olympics was made for a donation of \$5,000, and teams to compete in the Polar Plunge and 6 on 6 flag football. Robert O'Neill motioned approval, Lee Bercaw seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- c. A donation of approximately \$30,000 to us from the John Morroni foundation was announced.
- d. President Mertz and Vice President Brooke Harris Wetzork announced a \$10,000 award to us from the Seminole Hard Rock.
- e. A \$1,500 award to the Cypress Creek High School Criminal Justice Academy has been made.
- f. The idea of a quarterly newsletter from the Foundation to all individual association members, member agencies, community leaders, etc. with a link to our web site was discussed. Foundation staff will look into this idea.
- g. The Foundation Website renovation was discussed. The Foundation IT consultant will review and make recommendations. Additionally discussed was the IT consultant's compensation.
- h. It was recommended a statement of duties be created for all Foundation compensated employees / consultants.

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- i. It was announced that the training at the TBACPA will be The Age of Transformational Policing. The Foundation will provide the funding for the anticipated 40 members to attend.
5. Old business: None.
6. Adjourn: Anthony Holloway motioned to Adjourn; Lee Bercaw seconded. President Mertz adjourned the meeting at 7:50PM

NEXT MEETING
Friday, June 9, 2023
1 Tropicana Drive
St. Petersburg, FL, 33705
5:30PM