



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

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MINUTES

Date: Friday, June 9, 2023

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: One Tropicana Drive, St Petersburg, Fl. 33705

1. Call to Order: 5:30 PM by President Greg Mertz.
 - a. Board members present: President Greg Mertz, Vice President Brooke Harris Wetzork, Secretary Dave Romine, Directors: Dave Dalton, Tom Rowan (for Brian Ford), Jeff Young, John Wilson, Bobby O'Neill, Jim Previtera, Tom Pepin (by phone), Association President Chris Daniel, Foundation Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner.
2. Approval of the minutes: March 8, 2023. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bobby O'Neill. A second to approve was made by Jeff Young. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Committee reports:
 - a. Finance report: Treasurer Dan Slaughter was not able to attend this meeting due to new job requirements. However, he prepared and submitted a written report via Vice President Brooke Harris Wetzork. Both President Mertz and V.P. Wetzork also provided verbal explanations of Treasurer Slaughter's report. A motion to approve the finance report was made by Jim Previtera. A second to approve was made by David Dalton. The Finance report was unanimously approved.
 - b. TBACPA report: President of the Association, Chief Daniel provided a verbal report. Chief Daniel advised that the Association is pushing membership enhancement. He also advised that they are supporting the upcoming Gala by pushing for table sales and auction items from their membership.
4. New Business:
 - a. Gala: Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner gave a verbal report regarding the upcoming Gala. It is scheduled for September 9, 2023, at the Wyndham Grand Resort Clearwater Beach.
 - i. The vendors secured as of this date are:

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1. Alpert Enterprises, Emcee
 2. Beamworks, A/V
 3. Qtego, online auction and guest registration
 - ii. Tables sold to date per President Mertz is 25
 - iii. Auction items, 1
 - iv. Hotel rooms at a reduced rate have been secured for Gala attendees prior to, during, and after the Gala.
5. Old Business:
- a. New Board Member: Mr. James "Jim" Boyce, the Tampa / Hillsborough General Manager for Coca-Cola was recommended for membership on the Foundation Board. A copy of Mr. Boyce's resume was provided for membership review and consideration. A motion to approve Jim Boyce for membership was made by Jim Previterra. A second was made by David Dalton. Mr. James "Jim" Boyce's membership was unanimously approved.
 - b. St. Petersburg College - Law Enforcement Mental Health Certificate Program was discussed. A request from the PBA was made that the Foundation fund scholarships at \$2000 per student for this program. The agencies sending Officers to this program would only need to agree to the Officer's time to attend. It was recommended that the Foundation fund 25 scholarships for a total of \$50,000. 15 of these scholarships will be awarded by the PBA and 10 will be awarded by the TBACOPA. Bobby O'Neill motioned to approve. David Romine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - b. Scholarships. Previously the Foundation funded ten annual scholarships at \$5,000 each. Five of these scholarships went to degree seeking students in a college environment, and five went to police academy positions. It was recommended that all ten scholarships be dedicated police academy positions. Jeff Young motioned to approve. Dave Dalton seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - c. Reflections on Leadership Training. Funding for this training was previously approved. It will be held at the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association meeting at Busch Gardens on July 13, 2023.
 - d. Hotshots for Charity Sporting Clay Tournament is scheduled for Oct. 28th, 2023. A four-person team from the Foundation has been funded. David Romine will contact Foundation membership for interest.
 - e. Compensation for Kevin Lang - IT consultant. It was recommended that Kevin Lang be paid \$3,000 for the work involved in flipping both of the Foundation's two web sites to new sites. It was also recommended that he be compensated back pay \$200 per month - up to \$400 per month back to January 1st, 2023. A fee schedule and billing accountability system

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will be established. A motion to approve was made by Bobby O'Neill. A second was made by John Wilson. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Adjourn: President Mertz adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, September 26th, 2023
OCC Road House
10575 49th St North
Clearwater, Fl. 32762
6:00 PM