



Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Foundation, Inc.

PO Box 20081, Tampa, FL 33622

President

Gregory J. Mertz
Retired U.S. Secret
Service

Vice President

Brooke Harris
Retired Dept of Criminal Investigative Service

Treasurer

Daniel Slaughter
Retired Clearwater Police Department

Secretary

David Romine
Retired, Chief of Police

MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: OCC Roadhouse
10575 49th Street North
Clearwater, FL 33762

1. Call to Order:
 - a. Board members present: President Greg Mertz, Vice President Brooke Harris Wetzork, Treasurer Dan Slaughter, Secretary, Dave Romine, Directors: Bobby O'Neill, Bob Passwaters, Jeff Young, Tony Holloway, John Wilson, Jim Boyce, Tom Pepin, Foundation Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner.
2. Approval of the minutes: June 9, 2023
 - a. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bobby O'Neill. A second to approve was made by Brooke Harris Wetzork. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Committee reports:
 - a. Finance report: Treasurer Dan Slaughter submitted a written financial report with verbal highlights. A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Jeff Young. A second to approve was made by Tony Holloway. The Financial Report was unanimously approved.
 - b. TBACPA report: Association President Chief Daniels was unable to make this meeting, so this agenda item was deferred.
 - c. Training Updates: An update on current and planned future training programs were discussed.
 - a. Law Enforcement Mental Health Certificate program
 - b. Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement
 - c. Reflections on Leadership
 - d. C.O.P.S. International Conference
 - e. Two police academy scholarships

Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Foundation, Inc.

4. New business:
 - a. GALA 2024 proposed dates and locations (venues) for consideration were discussed. President Mertz will contact several option locations. The date(s) will be contingent upon venue availability.
 - b. Future fundraising opportunities: Several ideas for fundraisers were discussed: A Pickle Ball Tournament, A Poker Tournament, A run across the Howard Franklin Bridge, Concerts, A dance, a specialty cruise, an Officer Appreciation Night, a generic Golf Tournament perhaps at the Carrollwood Golf Club. To be discussed further and decided upon at a future date.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Gala: Several issues with the GALA were discussed, such as how to shorten certain aspects of the event and how to get the Association membership more involved.
 - b. Process to legally change the Foundation name - removing "Education and Research". This was previously approved by the board. President Mertz will coordinate with Legal Counsel.
6. Adjourn:
 - a. A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Young. A second to adjourn was made by Bob Passwaters. President Mertz adjourned the meeting at 7:40PM.

NEXT MEETING
6pm Tuesday
December 5, 2023
ONE BUC PLACE
1 BUCCANEER PLACE
TAMPA, FL 33607