



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

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Date: Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Tampa International Airport
4200 George J. Bean Parkway
Lobby Conference Room A
Tampa, Florida 33607

1. Call to order: 1810 hours by President Greg Mertz
 - a. Board members present: President Greg Mertz, Treasurer Dan Slaughter, Secretary Dave Romine, Directors: Robert O'Neill, Bob Passwaters, Julie Weintraub, John Wilson, Lee Bercaw, Anthony Holloway - (by speaker phone), Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner
2. Approval of the Minutes: October 22, 2021. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Director Bob Passwaters, a second to approve was made by Director Bobby O'Neill. The Minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance Report: Treasurer Dan Slaughter submitted a verbal and written financial report. Director Lee Bercaw motioned to approve the report and Director Bobby O'Neill seconded. The finance report was unanimously approved.
4. New Business:
 - a. IT specialist. President Mertz suggested that the Foundation hire retired Tarpon Springs PD Officer Kevin Lang as our IT specialist for \$200 a month. His primary responsibilities would be to maintain the Foundation's Web Site. Director Julie Weintraub also suggested he handle the Foundation's social media. A motion to approve both suggestions was made by Director Lee Bercaw. A motion to second was made by Director, Bobby O'Neill. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - b. 2022 Gala
 - i. The Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel - Marriott has been booked for the Gala, to be held on September 10, 2022. The board had previously approved site selection. The resort can accommodate 500 people.

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- ii. Table sales / prices. It was discussed and approved that the Foundation would sell table sponsorships at \$2500 and \$5000. The previous years prices of \$3500 would be deleted from the advertisements.
 - c. President Mertz brought up for discussion the idea of the Foundation purchasing a building for multi purposes. The building could facilitate training programs, rental rooms, weddings, events, etc. The facility would be a revenue producer along with a location for Foundation programs, meetings, etc. The need for a staff to run the facility along with associated expenses were discussed. President Mertz stated he was aware of a facility / location that functioned in this manner in the Atlanta, Ga. area. An action item was suggested to approve \$2500 for President Mertz to travel to Atlanta to research the location and it's functioning. Director O'Neill moved this expenditure be approved. Director Weintraub seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - d. Executive Assistant Kuettner's laptop needs to be replaced. As this is expected to be less than \$1000 a board vote was not necessary. The purchase was approved.
5. Old business:
- a. The annual Phil Lebid Memorial Golf Tournament is set for December 5, 2022 at the Avila Golf Resort.
6. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Director Bobby O'Neill, second was made by Director Bob Passwaters. President Mertz adjourned the meeting at 7:20PM

**NEXT MEETING
MAY, 17, 2022
TROPICANA FIELD
TIME: 6PM**