



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

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Date: Wednesday, March 24th, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Zoom Video Conference call
Meeting ID: 838 9401 3512

1. Call to order: 6:00PM by President Greg Mertz
 - a. Board members present: President Greg Mertz, Vice President Brooke Harris, Treasurer Dan Slaughter, Secretary Dave Romine, Directors: Lee Bercaw, Jeff Young, Bob Passwaters, Anthony Holloway, Elizabeth Frazier, Foundation Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner, Foundation Legal Counsel Andra Dreyfus, Association Representative Charlie Vazquez, Guest Jason Alpert
2. Approval of the Minutes: Approval of the December 2, 2020 minutes. Motion to approve was made by Director Jeff Young. Seconded by Vice President Brooke Harris. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance: Treasurer Dan Slaughter submitted by print and video an executive summary of the Foundation's budget as of March 21st., 2021. An addendum to that report was an increase from \$500 to \$1000 donation to the Hands Across the Bay Foundation, by President Mertz. A motion to approve the budget report was made by President Mertz. Seconded by Director Lee Bercaw. The budget report was unanimously approved.

An Addendum to the budget, requested by President Mertz was electronically made on May27th. 2021. The request was to spend approximately \$10,000 on a public Service Announcement. The history of this request was that the Foundation budgeted \$15,000 in the 2019 - 2020 budget for this PSA. However due to COVID and our reduced funding stream it was deleted from the 2021 budget. That authorization was not previously spent. President Mertz has since met with Jared Brown, Creative Director, Digital Learning, University of South Florida and provided him with the basic concepts of the message we want sent out. The five points of our message were made a part of President Mertz's message in his budget addendum request to the Foundation Board.

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The electronic vote results were:

YES - 9: Jeff Young, Bob Passwaters, Brooke Harris, Bobby O'Neill, Dave Romine, Elizabeth Frazier, Julie Weintraub, Brian Ford, and Lee Bercaw.

NO - 1: Anthony Holloway

ABSTAINED - 3: Dan Slaughter, Jim Previtera, and John Wilson.

The motion was passed.

- b. TBACPA Update: Chief Charlie Vazquez, TIAPD
 - i. Applications for scholarships have been sent to all member agencies.
 - ii. Major Dave Dalton, Clearwater PD, current President of the TBACOP Association, has been asked to facilitate the Lifetime Achievement Award for the Gala.

- 4. New Business:
 - a. Changing our Foundation bank account from Wells Fargo to BB&T was discussed and approved. Director Frazier will assist with the transition. President Mertz and Treasurer Slaughter will facilitate the transition. The idea / establishment of a ZOOM account was also discussed.

- 5. Old Business: 2021 Gala:
 - a. The venue for the 2021 Gala has been established as the Wyndham Grand Hotel on Clearwater Beach. The date will be Saturday, September 11th, 2021. The event will commence at 6:00PM.
 - b. A flyer and announcement will be created and distributed.
 - c. Jason Alpert of Alpert Enterprises joined the meeting at 6:30PM to discuss fundraising ideas in and during a pandemic environment.
 - i. Live streaming the event was discussed for those that cannot attend in person. President Mertz asked if it would be one way or two-way streaming? TBD.
 - d. Beamworks A / V company quote was discussed.
 - e. 9/11 Tribute:
 - i. Having a guest speaker or opening remarks by President Mertz was discussed. A consensus of the board seemed to favor President Mertz speaking - however this is TBD.
 - ii. A moment of silence to honor those lost in the 9/11 attack was suggested and approved.
 - f. Gala awards:
 - i. It was decided to keep the Community Policing Award and the Business Partner Award. There will be Seven (7) total awards.
 - g. EVO Studios:
 - i. Jay Vesey will not be able to attend the Gala this year, however he /his company will make the signage for the event.
 - h. Seating options - table formats (sizes) - seat allocations - were all discussed. TBD

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6. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff Young. Seconded by Elizabeth Frazier. The motion was unanimously approved at approximately 7:15PM. President Mertz adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:15PM.

**Next Meeting
Tuesday, July 20th, 2021
6:00PM
Tropicana Field**