



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

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MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Tropicana Field
1 Tropicana Drive, St. Petersburg, FL

1. Call to order: 6:00PM by President Greg Mertz
 - Board members present: President Greg Mertz, Vice President Brooke Harris, Treasurer Dan Slaughter, Secretary Dave Romine, Directors: Bobby O'Neill, Bob Passwaters, Jim Previtera, John Wilson, Lee Bercaw, Anthony Holloway, Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner, Guest, Jason Alpert, Vallye Adams. Note: Several members brought guests at the invitation of the Rays.
2. Approval of the Minutes: Approval of the March 24th, 2021 minutes. Motion to approve was made by Director Lee Bercaw. Second was made by Director Tony Holloway. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Committee Reports:
 - Finance: Treasurer Dan Slaughter submitted a written report for the record. The total Foundation account balance as of July 14th, 2021 is \$223,078.83. A breakdown of the account(s) is included in Treasurer Slaughter's report. A motion to approve the Financial report was made by Director Bobby O'Neill. Seconded by Director Bob Passwaters. The financial report was unanimously approved.
 - TBACPA Update: Association President David Dalton could not make this meeting. Foundation President Greg Mertz gave the update. An update of the current Scholarships and an anticipated soon release of \$25,000.00 in Scholarships was discussed.
4. New Business:
 - The Foundation bank account has been changed from Wells Fargo to BB&T.
 - IT Specialist: The need for an IT specialist at a cost of approx. \$1,000.00 was discussed. Director Bercaw supported the idea and suggested hiring Kevin Lang. It was suggested that the Foundation, consult with Director Wilson about a Marketing Media Specialist. It was

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agreed that a need for Marketing and IT services exists for the Foundation. Director Frazier will also speak with her marketing specialist about this position. To be discussed further.

5. Old Business:

Public Service Announcements:

- President Mertz has vetted all four of the proposed PSA's. They are available for all Board members to review. A few tweaks have been suggested.

2021 Gala:

- Jason Alpert is reviewing and adjusting the Agenda in an ongoing basis.
- Special Agent in Charge of the Tampa Office, FBI, Mike McPherson will be the keynote speaker for the 911 Tribute.
- Director Julie Weintraub will provide THIN BLUE LINE watches for the Officer of the Year, Deputy of the Year, and Agent of the Year recipients. All other awards will still receive trophies.
- Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner recapped the event planning to date. Auction items, and purchased tables, 30 to date, were discussed. The goal is 50 tables.

6. Adjourn:

- A motion to adjourn was made by Director Bobby O'Neill. Seconded by Director Bob Passwaters. The motion to Adjourn was unanimously approved at approx. 6:45PM
- President Mertz adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting
Wednesday, 6:00PM, October 27, 2021
Location: TBD