



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

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Police

MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Tropicana Field
1 Tropicana Drive
St. Petersburg, FL 33705

1. Call to order: at 6:20PM by President Greg Mertz.
 - a. Board Members Present: President Greg Mertz, Treasurer Dan Slaughter, Secretary, Dave Romine, Directors: Robert O'Neill, Bob Passwaters, Jim Previterra, John Wilson, Jeff Young, Anthony Holloway, Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner, Website and IT Specialist Kevin Lang.
2. Approval of the Minutes: February 23, 2022. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Director Anthony Holloway, 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 gave a verbal report and submitted a written financial report. Director Bobby O'Neill motioned to approve the report. Director Jim Previterra seconded. The Finance report was unanimously approved.
4. New Business:
 - a. A website platform proposal for January 2023 was submitted by Foundation Website and IT Specialist Kevin Lang. Specialist Lang also submitted a written report on his Website Platform Migration Research. Specialist Lang recommended we use the Wix Platform at a cost of \$59 a month with possible discounts. Director Previterra motioned to approve the recommendation. Director Bobby O'Neill seconded. The recommendation was unanimously approved.
 - b. 2022 Gala: The 7th Annual Gala venue will be the Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel on September 10th, 2022.
 - i. President Mertz advised that per previous board approval the table Sponsor levels have changed this year to \$2500 and \$5000. The previous \$3500 table sponsor level has been deleted from the advertisements.
 - ii. President Mertz advised that pending the Website readiness the Gala invitations will go out this week. He also advised that he is requesting members to secure auction

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items of at minimum a \$200 value. Requests for award nominations will go out his week with a June 25th submission deadline.

- iii. Advertisement ideas and fund raiser ideas are welcomed from all members.

 - c. Vice President Harris reported that the annual golf tournament venue will again be the Avila Golf and Country Club. The tournament is scheduled for December 5th, 2022.

 - d. President Mertz advised that The Association has requested funding for the Administrative Assistants Training and Appreciation Luncheon, to cost \$3000. They have also requested funding for the Association monthly Training meetings, to cost a total of \$9000. Foundation Treasurer Slaughter advised that would be an allowable expenditure to take from the current training budget. Director Holloway motioned these requests be approved. Director O'Neill seconded the motion. The funding requests were unanimously approved.
5. Old Business:
- a. A discussion of the bylaws regarding retiring board members was tabled by President Mertz.
6. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Director Previterra, second was made by Director Young. President Mertz adjourned the meeting at 7PM.

**NEXT MEETING
August 24, 2022
Hands Across the Bay Empowerment Center
3800 Ulmerton Rd.
Clearwater, FL 33762
6PM**