

From Cradle to College Foundation, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Of
September 8, 2020

The From Cradle to College Foundation, Inc. held a Board of Directors meeting on September 8, 2020 at 10:00 AM through a Zoom Meeting initiated at 600 8th Avenue West, Palmetto, Florida

Board Members Present:

Marc Gilner
Dianne Kopczynski
Diana Dill
Howard Veltz
Andrew Minor (no-voting)
Paul Sharff, Managing Director

Board Members Absent:

Scott Kallins (excused)
Linda Guritz (excused)

Present to Record:

Marie O'Connell

These minutes are a summary of the discussion and action items of the From Cradle to College Foundation Board of Directors meeting on September 8, 2020.

Welcome and Roll Call

Paul Sharff called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.
Paul Sharff conducted roll call and determined a quorum was present.

Foundation Update

PEARLS Activities/OEL Contract

Mr. Sharff shared that the PEARLS program continues to successfully share training as we move back into onsite trainings and continue to offer Zoom trainings as well. COVID-19 has naturally created challenges for group trainings, but providers continue to seek the information either through Zoom or in-person.

VPK Calendars

Mr. Sharff noted that the VPK Calendar project will be kept un the Coalition for this year and will be reviewed again later for possible move to the Foundation. He was excited to also share that ELC Miami Dade will be purchasing calendars this year which is a big boost to the project.

Golf Tournament

The number of foursomes if up compared to last year and the tournament is on target to be a successful event. There are new supporters who have joined this year at higher levels of contribution. As always, we sincerely thank the Board for its support of our golf tournament.

Deja Blues

Mr. Sharff reported that he has not word from Ashley yet about an upcoming event but will keep the board informed of any developments.

County Funding and Contracts

The Foundation has received \$210,000 in funding for the WIT (Whatever It Takes) program beginning October 1st, 2020 and will be contracting with the Coalition to provide the services. The program is unique in that its structure is to provide services mainly on weekends to minority members of the community. This program will be utilizing Coalition vehicles to reach out into Manatee County.

The Foundation applied for CARES Grants through Manatee County in the amount of \$1,000,000 in hopes of securing multiple buses to serve the community but was approved for \$300,000 plus which will allow for the purchase of one vehicle. Through this grant, the Foundation will be providing food to assist families who are in need. There is additional funding available, and the Foundation and Coalition will apply for funds to help the community during these challenging times. The grants must be spent under a finite timeline. Two additional ideas

being considered are the possibility of purchasing equipment to perform rapid COVID testing and iPads for Manatee County's children to facilitate learning. The Foundation is very excited to have additional opportunities to serve Manatee County residents through CARES funding.

Mr. Sharff reported that the Foundation has retained a consultant who was formerly the Budget Manager for Florida's Governor and employed by OEL to provide oversight on these grants. Due to the quick timeframe, it will be valuable to have someone reviewing expenditures with this expertise.

Mr. Sharff shared with the Board that the Foundation purchased tents to accommodate outside learning for children or to be used as community centers that will facilitate proper social distancing. This purchase is approximately \$17,000 and Mr. Sharff is asking the Board for approval of this purchase.

Upon a motion duly made by Diana Dill and seconded by Howard Veltz, the motion to approve the tent purchase was unanimously approved as presented.

Mr. Sharff described the bus that the Foundation is purchasing to use for community outreach. The purchase price of the bus is \$108,367 which will be paid for by the CARES grants. Mr. Sharff is asking the Board for approval of this purchase.

Upon a motion duly made by Diana Dill and seconded by Howard Veltz, the motion to approve the bus purchase was unanimously approved as presented.

Items for Approval on Consent Agenda

OEL Contract SR505 for the continuation of PEARLS was executed in August 2020 in the amount of \$357,500. Multiple county contracts as described to the Board are being sought from the County and will be effective in September/October 2020.

Due to the abbreviated timeframe in which the CARES grants must be carried out, Mr. Sharff asked for Board approval to waive purchasing limits temporarily and only associated with CARES Grants, so that he may carry out the purchases needed to implement the grants. All expenditures will be summarized for the Board of Directors at the next meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Diana Dill and seconded by Marc Gilner, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda items was unanimously approved as presented.

Approval of the Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2020

Upon a motion duly made by Diana Dill and seconded by Howard Veltz, the Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting of June 17, 2020 were unanimously approved as presented.

Old Business

None

New Business

Marie O'Connell shared the bank balances of two Foundation accounts: Synovus \$23,678 and Ozark \$80,669. Mr. Sharff noted that through Ms. O'Connell's shared service, the Coalition is saving approximately \$55,000 per year, stating that the Foundation provides valuable services to the community and supports the Coalition through its operations.

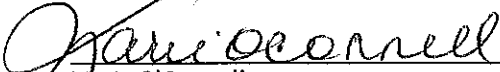
Public Comments

None

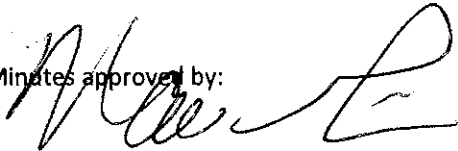
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Howard Veltz moved to adjourn, and Dianne Koczynski seconded the motion. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:27 AM.

Minutes Prepared by:


Marie O'Connell

Minutes approved by:


Marc Gilner, Esq.