

From Cradle to College Foundation, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Of
April 28, 2022

The From Cradle to College Foundation, Inc. held a Board of Directors meeting on April 28, 2022 at 2:00 pm through a Zoom Meeting initiated at 525 7th Avenue West, Palmetto, Florida.

Board Members Present:

Marc Gilner
Dianne Kopczynski
Diana Dill
Linda Guritz
Howard Veltz

Board Members Absent:

Rachael Quinn (excused)
Andrew Minor (excused)

Foundation Staff Present:

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 April 28, 2022.

Welcome and Roll Call

Marc Gilner called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM.

Marie O'Connell conducted roll call and determined a quorum was present.

Foundation Update

Community Partner MOUs

Chair Gilner thanked Diana Dill and the Scholarship Committee for the time they had dedicated to setting up the framework for the scholarship funds to be distributed to those in the community who are in need and asked Ms. Dill to update the board.

Ms. Dill reported that an MOU would be established with SCF Foundation for the Educators Scholarships named in honor of Paul Sharff and Harry Kinnan. She explained that SCF has a new program directed toward early educators that is aligned with the Board's intent for the Paul Sharff Scholarship funds. SCF is also in the process of launching 4-year elementary educators bachelor's degree program which would be completed through 2 years at SCF followed up by 2 years at USF Sarasota/Manatee's College of Education. As discussed, the Foundation will work through Florida Prepaid to provide these scholarship opportunities and with the assistance of our community partner are hopeful to find individuals who are dedicated to educating our youth.

Ms. Dill also shared that the Foundation is executing an MOU with MTC Foundation to complete the process of securing applicants and awarding scholarships to individuals pursuing First Responder careers. The funds collected by the Foundation will be given directly to MTC Foundation to complete the selection and distribution process.

Chair Gilner concluded by stating that the Scholarship Committee has recommended approval by the full board for each of the individual MOUs.

Scholarship Purchases

Chair Gilner asked Ms. Dill to report on the Scholarship Committee's plan for the purchase of scholarships.

Ms. Dill reported that the funds donated at the Leadership Prayer Breakfast that have been designated for educator scholarships would be utilized to purchase one 2+2 Florida Prepaid which would provide a dollar-for-dollar match to fulfill the Harry Kinnan Scholarship. Also, to be purchased from Florida Prepaid, would be 3 of the 4-year plans, again providing match. These scholarships would be used for the early educator scholarships. The total of these scholarship purchases is \$18,893.94 which will be funded through the donations collected at the Leadership Prayer Breakfast and donations made to FCTCF in honor of Paul Sharff after his passing.

The \$30,000 raised at the Prayer Breakfast, \$15,000 in donations and \$15,000 in match, will be paid directly to MTC Foundation to provide scholarships for those attending their first responder programs.

Ms. Dill also reported that James Disbro had shared with her that CareerSource Suncoast indicated they have programs where FCTCF could partner with CareerSource to provide additional scholarship funds to the community. CareerSource works closely with the public and understands the needs for educational and employment resources.

Items for Approval on Non-Consent Agenda

The Foundation will execute an MOU with SCF Foundation for the administration process of educator scholarships.
Upon a motion duly made by Linda Guritz and seconded by Dianne Kopczynski, the motion to approve the Non-Consent Agenda item was unanimously approved as presented.

Items for Approval on Non-Consent Agenda

The Foundation will execute an MOU with MTC Foundation for the administration process of first responder scholarships.

Upon a motion duly made by Dianne Kopczynski and seconded by Linda Guritz, the motion to approve the Non-Consent Agenda item was unanimously approved as presented.

Items for Approval on Non-Consent Agenda

The Foundation will purchase scholarships from Florida Prepaid and provide those scholarships to SCF Foundation for award.

Upon a motion duly made by Dianne Kopczynski and seconded by Linda Guritz, the motion to approve the Non-Consent Agenda item was unanimously approved as presented.

Items for Approval on Non-Consent Agenda

The Foundation will disburse \$30,000 to MTC Foundation as funding for first responder scholarships.

Upon a motion duly made by Linda Guritz and seconded by Diana Dill, the motion to approve the Non-Consent Agenda item was unanimously approved as presented.

Approval of the Board of Directors’ Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2022.

Upon a motion duly made by Dianne Kopczynski and seconded by Diana Dill, the Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting of March 18, 2022, were unanimously approved.

Old Business

None

New Business

Ms. O’Connell brought the June 1st Stand for Children invitation from Darrell King to the Board. At the conclusion of discussion, it was agreed that the Foundation would not purchase tickets or a sponsorship this year, but will consider next year’s event.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Diana Dill moved to adjourn, and Linda Guritz seconded the motion. The Meeting was adjourned at 2:26 PM.

Minutes Prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Marie O’Connell

Marc Gilner, Esq.