

**From Cradle to College Foundation, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Of**  
**February 3, 2022**

The From Cradle to College Foundation, Inc. held a Board of Directors meeting on February 3, 2022, at 3:00 PM through a Zoom Meeting initiated at 600 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Palmetto, Florida

**Board Members Present:**

Marc Gilner  
Dianne Kopczynski  
Diana Dill  
Linda Guritz  
Andrew Minor

**Board Members Absent:**

Rachael Quinn (excused)  
Howard Veltz (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 February 3, 2022.

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Marc Gilner called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

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

**Foundation Update**

**Scholarship Administration Update**

Diana Dill, who has agreed to chair the Scholarship Committee Chair, shared the research that had been conducted with regard to the scholarship process. Ms. Dill She noted that the Committee wants to utilize matching monies to maximize the impact of the scholarships. She also pointed out that the process needs to be started quickly to meet the deadlines we face. Ms. Dill shared her discussions with Mr. Sharff after the Leadership Prayer Breakfast, noting that he was working with Moss Krusick to make sure the path was clear to move forward. With the Foundation's mission being to support the ELC whose mission is to serve from birth to 12 it was important to take a deeper look and confirm with Moss Krusick that the Foundation would be in line with all guidelines. A meeting was set up with Moss Krusick to discuss the matter, Diana, Marie, Ed Moss and Angela Harr discussed the situation and Moss Krusick came back with a recommendation to ensure that all guidelines were being followed properly. This recommendation was for the ELC to make a slight change its mission to read birth through school-age rather than birth through 12. Andrew Minor said that we should make that recommendation to the Coalition, and they should be receptive to the idea either through an Ad Hoc Committee or the Executive Committee.

It was agreed that a Scholarship Committee meeting would be scheduled to get things started and applications would be sent to the school district. Those serving on the review and selection committee will be Diana, Elaine Graham and Karen Carpenter who had been invited by Paul to serve, and board member Linda Guritz..

**Donations**

At the last board meeting, there had been conversation about establishing a named scholarship to honor Paul Sharff. Ms. O'Connell received a call from the Taylor Family Foundation to inquire about donating based on a conversation with Robert Bell. She noted that he had told her that if she made a donation to the Foundation based on the obituary published for Paul, the donation would be used to fund scholarships for Paul's sons There had also been other callers who understood the funds would pass through to Paul's sons. Ms. O'Connell informed the caller that the FCTCF Board had approved donations to be used in a scholarship to honor Paul. Upon hearing about this situation, the Board was concerned about public perception, noting that the Foundation would not be able to meet that donor's expectation created by this conversation. The Foundation had not been consulted about the publishing of the obituary which included the Foundation's name and website. The recommendation of the Board was to publish a correction in the paper to clear up any confusion or misinformation that had been shared by Mr. Bell and others who are not board members or staff of the Foundation.

Andrew Minor mentioned that he would like to see the Leadership Prayer Breakfast named after Paul Sharff.in the

future. He also noted that the Foundation should be sure that all donors have the correct information and that there is no hint of impropriety and no favoritism being shown in the handling of donor funds. The board agreed that it would be beneficial to have Ed Moss and/or Jenifer Schembri review and advise on the donor communications.

#### **Expenditures**

Ms. O'Connell shared that the Coalition had sent an invoice specifically for private donations expenses for \$23,000 plus which had not been done in the past. Ms. O'Connell sent the invoice and detail to Dianne Kopczynski for review and discussed with Ed Moss on the scholarship discussion call. This additional review was requested to be certain that the Foundation is following all fiscal guidelines. Ed Moss did not see a concern with the type of expenses that were presented for payment, noting that all of the expenses would not be reimbursed by the Coalition's funders. Dianne Kopczynski noted that she had also spoken with a partner in her firm, and they were both in agreement that the Foundation did not need to be concerned about paying this invoice.

#### **Items for Approval on Non-Consent Agenda**

The donations resulting from the obituary written to include the Foundation without its prior knowledge will not be utilized in an earmarked manner, donors will be contacted regarding their intent was presented as a non-consent item.

***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.***

The Private Donations invoiced amount was presented to be paid as a non-consent item.

***Upon a motion duly made by Dianne Kopczynski 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 January 19, 2022**

***Upon a motion duly made by Dianne Kopczynski and seconded by Diana Dill, the Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting of January 19, 2022, were unanimously approved as presented.***

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

None


#### **Public Comments**

None

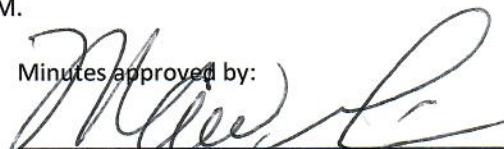
#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Diana Dill moved to adjourn, and Dianne Kopczynski seconded the motion. The Meeting was adjourned at 3:34 PM.

Minutes Prepared by:

  
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Marie O'Connell

Minutes approved by:

  
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Marc Gilner, Esq.