



Treasure Trove Giving Circle Annual Meeting
August 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

MINUTES

Persons Present:

- **Board Members:** Jeff Hofer, Joe Kaczorowski, Kelli Krzysztan, Karla Patzner, Michelle Schmidtkecht, Joy Hittner
- **School Representatives:** Dr. Jo-Ellen Fairbanks, Supt and Kalene Engel, School Board

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Kelli Krzysztan

Treasurer's Report: Kalene reported that there is currently \$33,920.49 in the Treasure Trove Fund. Michelle moved to approve the report; Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Revision/approval of changes to TTGC Bylaws: Kalene distributed a set of proposed revised bylaws, with changes highlighted in yellow prior to the June meeting and again with the agenda for this meeting. The changes requested are for purposes of making the organization eligible for charitable status and raffle license. Jeff moved to approve the bylaws with the recommended changes; Michelle seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Fundraiser Update: Kalene distributed a Quickbooks summary of the golf & chicken Q fundraiser with the agenda. The net profit on the fundraiser was just over \$4,500. Thank you to Jo-Ellen and her family for staying the whole day to help with the chicken-Q. The chicken did not sell as well as we had anticipated, so advertising and advance sales might be something to consider for next year. However, overall, the event was very successful and, as a result, \$4,000 will be deposited into the Treasure Trove Fund for future grants. Michele will have Larry reserve the last Sunday in July for next years' golf tournament.

Consideration of Grant Applications: Four grant applications were received prior to the meeting, three of which were sent out with the meeting agenda and the final one which was sent out the afternoon of the meeting. Jo-Ellen explained the grant requests and answered questions and they were voted on separately, as follows:

*denotes e-mail vote

1. **\$1,080 for New State Champion Sign-approved:** Request for funding to replace the current cross country state championship sign which is falling apart. It will be used for state championship teams for sports and academics. YES: 6+1* via email. NO: 0
2. **\$750 for New Employee Gift Baskets-approved:** Request for funding to welcome the 15 new staff into the C-FC Community by gifting them with branded C-FC items like a bag, hat, charger and umbrella. YES: 5+1*, NO: 1
3. **\$2,850 for Employee Professional Attire-not approved:** Request for funding of \$30 per employee to partially fund one item of professional C-FC gear, such as a polo, cardigan or ½ zip from a reduced price apparel store with J&D's Special T's. YES: 2+1*; NO: 4
4. **\$1,020 for Welcome Back to School Event for Staff, Families and Students-approved:** Request of \$1020 for signage/decorations, picture booth and prizes for an in-person back to school event to start school on a positive note. YES: 5+1*; NO: 1

Several points were raised during the discussion of the grants, including the desire to possibly contribute to a bigger project, to focus on students' needs, to balance the concerns in the community about purchasing items for staff versus the beneficial impact that "staff who feel appreciated" can have on the students they teach. Kalene reminded the board that the bylaws were deliberately drafted in such a way as to allow for further guidelines to be developed as grant requests were considered. Kalene will notify Winona Community Foundation of the approved grant requests.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting date will be scheduled when we have more grants to review.

Meeting Adjourned: Joe moved to adjourn the meeting; Joy seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.