



**Worthington Country Club Charitable Foundation  
Meeting Minutes  
June 19, 2024**

**Opening**

- Meeting in the Somerset Room of the Clubhouse (and on Zoom) was called to order by President, Gayle Landen Greene, at 3:02 p.m. EDST.

**Present (Quorum Established)**

- Foundation Directors: Suzie Crews (Zoom) Gayle Landen Greene, Tom Lebretoire, Carolyn Luomala, Amy Newell (Zoom), Joanne Riccardi, Coral Rice and Judy Williams Morrow (Zoom)

**Absent**

- Joanne Riccardi

**Guests**

- Sharon Ripplinger

**Meeting Notice**

- Notice of the meeting was sent in advance (posted on the website and bulletin board).

**Approval of Agenda**

- A motion by Carolyn Luomala and second by Suzie Crews to approve the revised June 19, 2024, agenda (to include two administrative additions) carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

- A motion by Suzie Crews and second by Carolyn Luomala to approve the May 8, 2024, minutes carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Gayle Landen Greene shared that the current bank balance is \$16,999.68.
- Our \$757.47 check for D&O insurance (effective May 31, 2024) was cashed on June 5, 2024.
- We also paid the credit card bill of \$44.33 which was the Amazon sign for FGCU.
- Judy used her credit card to pay the \$600 filing fee for 501(c)(3). In our last meeting, a motion by Joanne Riccardi and second by Carolyn Luomala reimburse Judy for the \$600 carried unanimously.
- The Foundation is currently holding \$4100 of received cash and checks for FOH. In addition, we are holding \$3,755 from Queen of Hearts and \$134 from Bingo.
- Gayle reminded the Foundation that we collected \$2945 for Eagles FORE FGCU, but rounded our check up to \$3,000 with a \$50 contribution from Judy Williams Morrow and \$5 from the Foundation.



## Old Business

- **Miscellaneous**

- Gayle reported our 501(c)(3) was approved on May 13, 2024.
- She also reported our D&O insurance is effective May 31, 2024 through May 31, 2025.
- Gayle and Coral filed our 990-N Postcard for 2023 on June 18, 2024.
- Gayle shared that we responded to a letter from Morgan & Morgan in which a WCC member is requesting damages for a fall in Cavendish. The response re-directs Morgan & Morgan to the Cavendish HOA.
- The Foundation filed for its FL Tax Exemption Certificate on June 11, 2024.
- Our Articles of Incorporation re-submission was once again rejected. So, Coral will call the number to seek assistance as it has not been clear in either case for the rejections.
- Coral submitted a letter to Vanguard Charitable to share that WCCCF has received its 501(c)(3) designation. This is so they will recognize the Foundation and account holders (including Coral) can "recommend" a check from the Vanguard Foundation.
- Likewise, Gayle will follow up with Raymond James once she's written and the Foundation approves the 2023 Annual Report (required by Raymond James).
- Coral developed a Fun Fest e-mail to thank participants, share the list of winners and announce our 501(c)(3) designation. This was emailed to members on June 14.

- **Website**

- We've had delays but Bryant Walker sent a mock-up which Amy distributed to Board Members before today's meeting. We walked through each page of the work thus far and recommended changes which Amy will take to Bryant. Overall, the feedback is VERY positive and the Board appreciates Bryant's work.
- Tom will send website login information to Amy. So it can be posted on the website, Coral will send Amy the Foundation's 501(c)(3) determination letter.
- All board members are asked to submit questions for the Q&A page of the website, and Coral will draft responses to the questions.

## New Business

- **Folds of Honor**

- Sharon Ripplinger attended the meeting and shared that she is delighted to share her time and talent to machine embroider towels or other items for the tournament. She needs a dst or pes file to do so. Coral will request the file from Marie Zinno, and if it doesn't work, a motion by Tom Lebretoire and second by Amy Newell to approve the approximate \$50 purchase of the file was approved unanimously.
- The FOH committee is still determining what logos will appear on gift items and will coordinate with the Foundation Board. Once decided, this will be shared with Sharon.
- Coral will introduce Sharon and Marie to one another in the event they want to work together to embroider items.
- NOTE: John Wood received a written release from the Folds of Honor to use their logo.



- The Board discussed financial ways it will support the tournament. A motion by Coral Rice and second by Carolyn Luomala to sponsor a hole for \$150 was approved unanimously. Tom will represent the board in the FOH committee and ask for a “free” ¼-page ad for the Foundation as a quid pro quo for its work in supporting the FOH committee. The ad will indicate the honor and privilege of support FOH. Gayle will write a check in Judy’s absence, complete the sponsor form, and send to Adela.
- **Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District Education**
  - Gayle shared a letter from this organization in which it requests funds to educate children in fire prevention and safety. A motion by Tom Lebretore and second by Judy Williams Morrow to send \$240 to support 90 children with time and materials was approved unanimously.
- **School Supply Drive**
  - Board Members reviewed three marketing communication pieces. Gayle will take responsibility for editing them and sending to Board for a final review.
  - The Bonita Springs Elementary school is asking for uniform bottoms (pants, skirts, etc.) in addition to school supplies. To keep things simple, WCC members can donate dollars to the Foundation for supplies. They can also shop for designated clothing items (to be included in the marketing pieces) and drop off in the Administration Building (assuming this is OK’d by Carol Ann Carney, GM).
  - Gayle will provide a letter to members who want a tax-deductible receipt.
  - Coral and Gayle will sit at donation request table from 4:00 to 5:30 on July 22.
- Gayle asked to move remaining agenda items to the next meeting.

**Next Meeting**

- The next meeting is Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. EST in the Somerset Room plus Zoom.

**Q&A**

- None

**Adjournment**

- A motion by Tom Lebretore and a second by Carolyn Luomala to adjourn carried unanimously at 4:38 p.m. EDST.

**Minutes submitted by Coral Rice**