



Worthington Country Club Charitable Foundation Meeting Minutes September 11, 2024

Opening

- Meeting in the Somerset Room of the Clubhouse (and on Zoom) was called to order by President, Gayle Landen Greene, at 3:01 p.m. EDST.

Present (Quorum Established)

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

Absent

- Tom Lebretore (back to WCC 10/15), Suzie Crews

Meeting Notice

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

Approval of Agenda

- A motion by Joanne Riccardi and second by Judy Williams Morrow to approve the September 11, 2024, agenda carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion by Judy Williams Morrow and second by Joanne Riccardi to approve the July 10, 2024, minutes carried unanimously.
- Approval of minutes from the July 24, 2024, meeting will be added to the agenda of the October meeting.

Financial Report

- Current bank balance is \$25,872.66, with the majority of receipts from Folds of Honor, about \$200 from Bingo, deposits from Folds of Honor donations, and the remainder from member donations.
- Coral reported on Folds of Honor financial status. Donations promised to date include checks/cash, gift certificates and tangible items. Donations are currently standing at about \$27,747.95 with an additional \$8,400 from Shaw and \$500 from Hubbard expected. We should keep in mind there will also be 50/50, Mulligan, and Hole-in-One ticket sales as well as \$48 per golfer registration. Expenses (e.g., hole-in-one signs, printing, hats/visors, administrative support, etc.) should come in around \$10,000.



Old Business

- **Folds of Honor**—Coral reported on several items:
 - A marketing flyer has been created and will appear in the weekly golf news each week between now and the tournament. The document will have links to other documents that explain what members will experience during the tournament and how/when to purchase 50/50, mulligan, and hole-in-one tickets.
 - Bob Riccio has picked up all silent auction items that Gayle, Coral and FOH committee members were holding.
 - Golf towels may be picked up at Sharon Ripplinger's home.
 - FOH Auction Committee members will have a more organized way of cutting off the bidding for auction items and disseminating "won" auction items at the end of the evening.
 - Dorrie Schabow is actively looking for more volunteers for the day of the tournament. For anyone (including WCCCF board members) who wants to volunteer for FOH tasks and activities, they should contact Dorrie Schabow who is leading the volunteer team.
 - The vodka donation from Tito's will not be served during the tournament, but rather added to the auction. This helps to reduce liability during the tournament.
- **School Supply Drive**—Money raised this year was \$4,435 vs. \$5,938 in 2023. We believe this is the decrease is the competition from the FOH tournament. We discussed starting earlier in 2025.
 - Flor has placed Amazon orders totaling \$4,002.54, leaving \$432.46.
 - Gayle contacted the school and talked with the new principal, Ms. Fernandez. Gayle asked about a thank you note from last year and also asked if the teachers would like gift cards again this year. Ms. Fernandez confirmed.
 - So that we can increase the amount of the gift cards for each of the 30 teachers, Joanne will donate an additional \$150, Judy will donate an additional \$65, and the Foundation will donate an additional \$17.40. A motion by Amy Newell and second by Judy Williams Morrow provide \$20 gift cards to 30 teachers carried unanimously.
 - Gayle will draft a "thank you" note to the WCC community for their generosity during the drive.
- **Website**—Amy indicated not much has happened relative to the website since our last meeting. Coral will send a draft of Q&A for the public Q&A page to all board members following the meeting for their input/feedback. We asked if Karen Miller could provide pictures from WLGA events.
 - Amy will return to WCC in 1 to 2 weeks and will resume work with Bryant Walker at that time. In the meantime, WCCCF board members are asked to review the site at www.worthingtoncharitable.org.
- **Administrative Update**—
 - Gayle knows how she wants to structure the annual report and what she wants to put in it, but she hasn't gotten to it yet due to family health issues.
 - Coral reported that Vanguard Charitable has now approved WCCCF as a recognized charity in its database, and anyone who holds a Vanguard Charitable account can now recommend a grant to WCCCF.



New Business

- **Liability Insurance**—Tom believes we should have event liability insurance. We looked into it and it must be taken for an entire year. Providers will not quote until 30 days before the event. Coral suggested we do additional research relative to statute, what other Foundations in golf communities do, and what legal advisors suggest. Karen Miller, guest in the meeting, indicated a google search suggests that liability insurance is recommended.
 - Gayle will check with Carol Ann Carney and ask Barry McCall about the need, including price range and other details. Judy will check with Bob Morrow to see if he is aware of attorneys that other golf courses use for these situations.
- **Folds of Honor**—All board members agreed the Foundation should sponsor a hole. Amy Newell will graciously donate the \$150 on behalf of the Foundation and complete the form to request a hole sponsor.
- **Queen of Hearts**—Tom would like to move drawings to Friday nights; Judy agreed. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- **Partnerships**—Judy provided good work relative to selection criteria for charitable partnerships and donation decisions. EACH board member needs to go back to Judy’s original drafts and send Judy comments AND/OR come to next meeting prepared to provide input/feedback on two items:
 - Final language for decision criteria (we could use the PGA and other charities as litmus tests).
 - Three to four possible charity partners (e.g., summer camps for kids, Wonder Garden, Bonita Springs YMCA swim program, Arts Bonita Springs kid scholarships (including an initial “stab” at comparing them to the decision criteria.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. EST in the Somerset Room plus Zoom.

Q&A

- None

Adjournment

- A motion by Joanne Riccardi and second by Carolyn Luomala to adjourn carried unanimously at 4:23 p.m. EDST.

Minutes submitted by Coral Rice