

THE WHITE FAMILY FOUNDATION
August 28, 2022
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at Belleair Country Club at 2:06 pm by Chairperson, Lauren Carlan. Board members present included: Joe and Jo Ann White, Doug and Lauren Carlan, John and Megan Anderson, Amy Stanton, and advisors Ruth and Barry Banther; Jay Rooth and David Herman attended via Zoom.

Barry offered an opening reflection, referring to Willie Nelson's autobiography, *It's A Long Story*. He was inspired by Willie's faith and down to earth outlook on life. He enjoyed life, calmly found solutions to vexing problems and always took care of others. His most vexing problem was dealing with the IRS, to which he owed \$50 million because of a colleague mismanaging his money. Remarkably, he made an album, *Hello Walls*, in which he partnered with the IRS to pay them off. All his songs are written about life. Barry's favorite was "I Don't Like Going to Funerals, and I Won't Go to Mine". Barry encouraged us to look for the positive even in times of stress and anxiety.

Lauren then asked for an approval of the agenda and the minutes of the April 10th meeting. All approved. Ruth proceeded to go over the documents available via our online trustee portal.

Amy then gave the treasurer's report. We reviewed the pie chart from Anderson Financial and Amy noted that we are down 18% through June 30th. Her concern was mostly that the Wasatch managers were down significantly from their benchmarks. The estimated taxes were paid in May. Amy will do the November filing.

Ruth reported that she is waiting for a price on our liability insurance. She is also looking for a more efficient way for grants to be filed online and looking into grant management software. Our final 4-year installment to Shorecrest is being paid out. October 1st will be our payout to CASA via wire transfer. October 19th at 3 pm will be the opening of the CASA Family Justice Center. Please let Ruth know if you can attend. It was decided that the naming of the lobby and welcome center would be designated The White Family Foundation.

Ruth then turned our direction to the grant requests for consideration. She noted that many of the requests are legacy grants, which we have granted over several years. This year we are required to give a little over \$300,000. Below are the grants we considered.

Academy Prep requested a grant of \$20,000 for the 11th month program. Doug moved to grant them that amount. Joe seconded, and all approved.

Angels Against Abuse requested \$7,500 to fund their expo. It was discussed that we are funding CASA already and their mission is similar. Megan moved that we deny their request. John seconded. All approved.

CCCHS requested \$20,000 for scholarships. Joe moved that we grant their request. Doug seconded. All approved.

A grant approval was also made for \$20,000 to Children's Dream Fund. John made the motion, seconded by Jo Ann. All approved.

Great Explorations in St. Petersburg requested \$10,000. As a past grantee, we decided to grant their request, as it affords programs for low-income families. Doug moved to grant this. Seconded by Joe. All approved.

Gulf Coast Community and Family Services (Heart Gallery) was seeking \$10,000 to promote adoption services for foster children. Doug moved to grant this request, seconded by Jo Ann. All Approved.

High Risk Hope requested \$20,000 to provide Bed Rest Baskets for moms-to-be who need bed rest for high-risk pregnancies. David moved to deny their request. Megan seconded. All approved.

LiFT Academy was seeking \$20,000 to provide 50 laptops for students to access their curriculum programs. Jo Ann moved to furnish the money for the laptops. Amy seconded. All approved.

Payton Wright Foundation requested \$20,000 to financially assist local families with children undergoing treatment for cancer. The organization has changed and the founders are less involved. Amy moved that we deny this request. Seconded by Doug. All approved.

Wheelchairs for Kids requested \$20,000 for their Let's Roll program, providing equipment or home and vehicle modifications for kids in wheelchairs. It was noted that is program is run very well. Jo Ann moved to approve this grant. Megan seconded. All approved.

A Door of Hope asked for \$21,000 to license 6 foster homes at \$3,500 each. They are faith-based and their representatives speak at local churches. Jo Ann moved to approve their request. Megan seconded. All approved.

A Kid's Place of Tampa Bay provides housing for foster kids with their siblings. They are seeking \$26,425 to renovate furnishings in those homes and to send foster kids to summer camp. Amy moved to deny their request. Megan seconded and all approved.

The Bill Edwards Foundation for the Arts requested \$20,000 to introduce kids to the arts at the Mahaffey Theater. It would provide performance tickets and transportation to students at Title One schools. A decision was tabled until our November meeting.

Big Brothers and Sisters of Tampa Bay's request (\$10,000) was also tabled until the November meeting.

Clothes to Kids requested \$10,000 to provide clothing for low-income kids who attend public school. Lauren has become involved in this organization and spoke highly of it. Jo Ann moved to grant this request. Seconded by Joe. All approved.

Friends of Joshua House made a \$10,000 request to provide mental health therapies for foster children who have suffered neglect or abuse. This grant will be considered at our November meeting.

Guardian Ad Litem of Tampa Bay (\$5,000 request) will also be considered at the November meeting.

Harbor Dish wants a food trailer (\$20,000) for food insecure people. This request was denied with a motion from Jo Ann and a second by Amy. All agreed.

Hillsborough House of Hope (\$20,000) was also denied a grant for their life coaching program for individuals reintegrating into society. Doug made the motion. Megan seconded. All approved.

Learning Empowered (\$5,000) is seeking a grant for early childhood education and care. Doug moved to deny this rather vague grant. Amy seconded. All approved.

Liz's Legacy was granted \$20,000 to further provide families with training and counseling to cope with children's mental health issues. Joe moved to approve. Megan seconded. All approved.

Morning Star School is seeking \$20,000 for scholarships for students with special education requirements. This request is tabled until the November meeting, as additional scholarship money may be granted by the diocese.

MOSI, the Museum of Science and Industry, requested \$4,500 to provide Title One schools free visits from their Motion Outreach Program. Upon an enthusiastic visit by Maryn (reported by Ruth), it was decided to grant their request in honor of Maryn Banther. The motion was made by Doug, seconded by Joe, and approved by all.

The Salesian Youth Center requested \$10,000 for a summer program for inner city youth. Megan moved to deny their request. Doug seconded. All agreed.

Selah Freedom, Inc. requested \$25,000 to address the needs of young women who have been sexually mistreated, abandoned, or suffered trauma and have low esteem. They receive counseling and educational and prevention training. It was determined that they already get support from the state government. Request was denied, as per a motion by Amy, seconded by John. All approved.

Seniors in Services of Tampa Bay requested \$5,000 for foster grandparent mentoring programs in the classroom. Their budget also comes from state and county government organizations. Doug moved to deny their request. Seconded by Megan. All approved.

Shepherd's Village (\$20,000) request, helps single moms facing homelessness to relocate and provides support and counseling for them. The money would go to their operating budget. Jay moved to deny the request. Jo Ann seconded. All approved.

Starting Right Now (\$10,000 request) to support shelter operations for homeless unaccompanied youth (ages 15-19). It was determined to table this request until November.

NAMI was requesting \$20,000, but with a motion from Doug and a second from Joe, they were denied with all board members' approval.

Wounded Veterans Relief Fund also requested \$20,000. They assist with housing and needs of wounded veterans. Amy moved to deny this grant, seconded by Jo Ann. All agreed.

Ruth requested that all discretionary grants be submitted on or before our November 6th meeting. That meeting will be held at Belleair Country Club at 2:00 pm

With transportation forms submitted to Ruth, Joe moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30. Jo Ann seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann White