

Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation

Board of Director's Meeting

Tri-Valley Developmental Services, Inc Administration Office, 521 W. 35 Ch Pwky, Chanute, KS 66720

September 28, 2021

Present via Zoom: Mike Hofer, Vic Anderson, Terry Harper, Lynette Emmerson, Sandi Eggers, Larry Coleman, Phil Newkirk, Joel Porter, Joel Norris, Bill Fiscus

Not Present: Judy Brigham, Ruth Spangler, Max McReynolds, Steve Sewell, Mike Reid,

Staff Present: Rachel Crigger, Joe O'Rourke, Lea Chickadonz, Tricia Campbell

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Mike Hofer called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion made to accept agenda as presented (Phil Newkirk/Terry Harper). Motion passed.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes from the June 3, 2021 meeting were presented. Motion made to accept minutes as presented (Vic Anderson/Phil). Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bill Fiscus gave a status report on the FY21 audit. He presented the financial statements for the year ending on June 30, 2021. Motion made to accept report as presented (Sandi Eggers/Lynette Emmerson). Motion passed.

5. Staff Reports

5.1 CEO Report

Bill updated the board on loans for properties in Neodesha (Norris) and Moline (Brentwood). Bill was asking for approval to pay off the Norris House loan. The Foundation currently owes \$55,000 on that loan. By paying the loan off early, we will save 6% interest. The second loan is for the Brentwood property in Moline which is under the purview of the Elk County Development Company and is a HUD property. The Brentwood loan has an interest rate of 9.5% and payoff would be \$35,000. Since Elk County does not have enough money in the bank to cover the full payoff, Bill wanted to gauge the Foundation board's interest about loaning money to Elk County to help pay off the loan. Vic inquired as to renegotiating to a lower rate.

It is Bill's recommendation to pay off the loan for the Norris House using funds from the Foundation reserve. On the Brentwood loan, it was the board's opinion to refinance for a lower interest rate.

Motion made for the Foundation to pay off the loan for the Norris House located in Neodesha (Terry/Vic). Motion passed.

5.2 Program Report

Rachel Crigger, VP of Programming, reported that we have an individual in Neodesha requesting our services. They are looking for a residential site and are fine for any site within the eight-county area.

Heartland Pharmacy is coming in mid-October to give clients and staff a Pfizer Covid booster shot.

In October, we are upgrading our cameras at several sites.

Over the past month, we have had to close down service centers in Chanute, Fort Scott, and Iola due to COVID outbreaks. All three service centers are back up and running.

5.3 Operations Report

Joe O'Rourke, VP of Operations, gave an update on Tri-Valley's vehicle fleet. He reported on the thefts of catalytic converters earlier this summer. Tri-Valley has purchased a new bus from a dealer in New York. The bus arrived on September 9th.

Joe gave a report on the homes. He is in the process of reviewing the fire books at each of the sites; he has completed ten reviews with eleven to go. We are in the process of adding electronic keypads to residential sites. We continue to have wear and tear issues on appliances in the homes.

Tri-Valley has submitted a grant to the Fort Scott Community Foundation for the Fort Scott Service Center. Advantage Metal in Fort Scott has donated a bailer to the Fort Scott Service Center. The grant would pay for wiring to install the new bailer. We should have a response from the committee in October.

The remodeling of Mulberry and Pecan houses is currently at a standstill. We are waiting for the engineer to sign off on the code footprint. As soon as that is completed, we will send to the state fire marshal for final approval.

Maintenance staff are making sure that the air filters in the homes are compliant with OSHA regulations.

Lynette inquired on our vaccination requirements. Rachel reported that we are waiting to hear back from the Department of Labor.

Terry inquired to the FEMA trailer and property in Neodesha. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the property fell through. We had an issue with the utility hook-up and the septic pond. Joe has been in contact with local realtors to see what properties are available at the moment. We have an option in Montgomery County however we would need to get an agreement with the CDDO of SEK to provide residential services; Montgomery County is outside of our service area. The land is held in a trust and Joe is working to find a contact for the trust.

6. Old Business

6.1 Annual Truck Raffle Fundraiser

Tricia Campbell, Special Projects Coordinator, reported that the 21st Annual Drawing Raffle came to a close on June 25th at 1:30 pm. We sold 1,894 tickets. The tickets came from 48 states with 375 entries from Kansas. The winner was Gary Thomas from West Virginia. On July 6th, Gary, along with his wife Tresa, came to Kansas to collect their prize. They were very excited about the truck. We are projecting a profit of \$29,600.

The 22nd Drawing Raffle began on August 20th. At this time, we have 59 entries and have brought in \$2,750. Bid letters have gone to the local car dealers; we will hear back from them once they have the prices for 2022 vehicles.

6.2 2021 Fundraisers

a. The 2021 Erie Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, June 12th. We had fourteen teams, sixteen-hole sponsors, and ten corporate sponsors. Due to the number of golfers, we gave out prize money to the top two teams for three different flights. The tournament was a four-person scramble with three flights. The winners for A Flight were: 1st Place - the team of Beto Melendez, Travis McCall, Frank Coronado, and Chase Butcher; and 2nd Place - the team of Mike Hofer, Steve Klotzbach, Brad Piley, and Trenton Zartman. The winners for B Flight were: 1st Place – the team of Ken Taiclet, Shawn Orton, Bruce Faulhaber, and James Works; and 2nd Place - the team of Shane Wolverton, Dillon Wolverton, Noah Kepley, and Christian Wiltse. The winners for C Flight were: 1st Place – the team of Todd Granere, Justin Defebaugh, Milton Ivy, and Jeremiah Ivy; and 2nd Place – the team of Wayne Riebel, David Hauser, Bret Hauser, and Donald Hauser. Along with the three flights, prizes were handed out for the Longest Drive (which went to Christian Wiltse) and Closet to the Pin (which went to Kane Norris). Players were given the opportunity to try their chances with the “Trouble” Hole In One game. For the second year, we held the “Betcha Can’t Get on the Green” hole game. Door prizes, some given by local businesses such as Jay Hatfield, Dalton’s Back 9, Opie’s, and Mo Gedi’s, were handed out after the tournament wrapped up. Lunch was pulled pork sandwiches and baked beans catered by the Horizons at Prairie Ridge restaurant. We project a profit of \$5,668.03.

- b. On July 24th, the Foundation held their second golf tournament at the Fredonia Golf Club. It was a nice morning; play was finished before it became hot. We had nine teams, seven-hole sponsors, and five corporate sponsors. We also had eight in-kind and door prize sponsors. The tournament had two flights. There winners for A Flight were: 1st Place – the team of Kent Marr, Cooper Steiner, Albert Gulick, and Isaac Boone; and 2nd Place – the team of Jerry Scott, Ethan Woodcock, Steve Osborn, and Jake Mrkwa. The winners for B Flight were: 1st Place – the team of Jake Scott, Michael Hatcher, Wally Maples, and Mike Prince; and 2nd Place – the team of Mike Claus, Bart Carpenter, Tyler Pierce, and Chad Estes. Along with the two flights, prizes were handed out for Longest Drive (which went to Jared Fiscus) and Closest to the Pin (which went to Tyler Pierce). Lunch was catered by AJ's Pitt BBQ. We are projecting a profit of \$2,582.67.

- c. The Foundation had begun finalizing the Fort Scott golf tournament, which was set for September 11th at Woodland Hills Golf Course. However, due to the recent uptick in COVID cases, the decision was made to cancel the tournament and reschedule it in the springtime. We already had eleven teams signed up. All are interested in playing when we reschedule. We also had one corporate sponsor, who requested that we keep the sponsorship for the spring tournament. Several of our hole sponsors also requested that we keep their sponsorships for the spring tournament. More information will be coming once the new date is set.

7. New Business

7.1 FY22 Officers

Motion made for current slate of officers (Chair – Judy Brigham; Vice Chair – Mike Hofer; Secretary – Ruth Spangler; and Treasurer – Vic Anderson) to remain in office for FY22 (Lynette/Vic). Motion passed.

8. Board Member Reports

None

9. Acceptance of All Donations

From June 1st through August 31st, the Foundation received \$36,702.18 in donations. Motion made to accept donations as reported (Vic/Phil). Motion passed.

10. Announcements

The next board meeting will be in December. The idea was discussed to hold a joint meeting with the Tri-Valley Developmental Services Board of Directors for an audit report. Bill will discuss this option with the Tri-Valley board.

11. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn the meeting (Phil/Joel P.). Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mike Hofer, Vice Chair

11/1/21
Date