

Friends of Tri-Valley Foundation
Board of Director's Meeting
TVDS Admin Office, 521 W. 35 CH Pkwy, Chanute, KS 66720
October 4, 2022

Present: Judy Brigham, Ruth Spangler, Vic Anderson, Joel Porter, Max McReynolds, Sandi Eggers, Terry Harper, Phil Newkirk, Bill Fiscus

Not Present: Steve Sewell, Larry Coleman, Mike Reid, Joel Norris, Mike Hofer, Lynette Emmerson

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Judy Brigham called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion made to adopt agenda (Max McReynolds/Sandi Eggers). Motion passed.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes from the June 28, 2022 meeting were presented. Motion made to accept minutes as presented (Joel Porter/Max). Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

No financial report was available at meeting's time. Bill Fiscus reported that the fieldwork for the annual financial audit was completed last week. The audit went well; there were no issues.

5. Staff Reports

5.1 Program Report

Rachel Crigger, VP of Programming, reported that we have an individual interested in receiving services for both day and residential programs in Fort Scott. An admissions meeting will be held in a few days. We have an individual in Neodesha interested in moving into the Norris house. The Foundation has renovated the house and we are now waiting on a final approval from the state fire marshal's office. Once that approval is in, he may move in.

At one point, Tri-Valley had 47 open positions within our eight-county area. We are now down to 22 openings. We saw a large growth in our applications thanks to the sign-on bonus and July's wage increase. We received a 25% increase from the state; this amount was earmarked for direct care wages.

5.2 Operations Report

Joe O'Rourke, VP of Operations, reported on recent renovations to Foundation property. As was mentioned earlier, Norris House is waiting on final approval from the state fire marshal's office. We notified the state we were finished with construction on

July 28th. The state has 30 days to schedule an inspection, we are now past that date and still no word from the state. They have seen a lot of turnover in the office. Joe has been in contact with the fire marshal's office; we hope for a visit next week.

We have a major A/C issue in Neodesha. The unit on the west side of the Service Center lost its compressor over the summer. The unit has been in the building since 1997. It was suggested that we replace the unit; it will cost around \$40,000.

Joe has been developing an inventory of appliances that include their age and location. We have a lot of issues with dryers.

The Fort Scott bailer is up and running. We just sent out our first paper load from Fort Scott. Paper prices are the best they have been in 20 years.

At the June meeting, there was some discussion of converting to natural compressed gas. Joe reached out to similar agencies in the state for their thoughts. No one responded back. To make the switch, it would require some conversion to the vehicles. Judy has also looked into natural compressed gas. While it would not work for individuals, there are government rebates available for businesses.

We have been busy with the Cobalt buffing pads contract in Neodesha.

5.3 CEO Report

Bill reported that last year our advocacy issue was a rate increase for HCBS funding. InterHab was instrumental in getting the rate increase approved. This year, they will ask to add language in legislation that would include an ongoing cost of living rate increase. They are also looking to ask for a rate increase for case management services. It has been several years since a increase has occurred for case management.

Thanks to the Workforce Incentive Grant from KDADS, Tri-Valley is giving staff bonuses for retention and recruitment. The retention bonus is given to staff who were hired prior to February 1, 2022. The bonuses are being split into three checks. The first checks for both retention and recruitment have gone out.

6. Old Business

6.1 Drawing Update

Diane Brown, winner of the 22nd Annual Truck Raffle Drawing, came on August 17th to collect her prize. She was very excited about winning the truck. Bids went out to the local dealers for the 23rd Annual Truck Raffle Drawing. We received two bids; the winning bid came from Steve Faulkner Ford. The 23rd prize will be a 2023 Ford F150 Platinum Edition Truck. We have sent out our second mailing last week. We have 105 entries and have received \$4,800.

6.2 2022 Fundraisers

Tricia Campbell, Special Projects Coordinator, reported on recent golf tournaments.

- a. The Fredonia tournament was held on July 23rd at the Fredonia Golf Club. Six teams played. We had seven-hole sponsors, five corporate sponsors, and six door prize sponsors. Between sponsorships, teams, and hole games, we are projecting a profit of \$2,363.48.
The tournament had two flights. A Flight teams were 1st place – Kent Marr, Rick Cunningham, Jim Dart, and Rick Jensen; 2nd place – Russ Vallier, Stan Vallier, Trent Vallier, and Hayden Vallier; and 3rd place – Bill Fiscus, Jared Fiscus, Jake Fiscus, and Dillon Wolverton. B Flight teams were 1st place – Jason Stout, Camden Cunningham, Jake Miller, and Sam Ayer; 2nd Place – Jake Scott, Michael Hatcher, Wally Maples, and Mike Prince; and 3rd place – Joel Porter and Kiz Porter. Rick Jensen won both the Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive Contest.
- b. The Chanute Golf Tournament was held on August 20th. Fifteen teams played. We had fourteen hole sponsors, four corporate sponsors, five in-kind sponsors, and seven door prize sponsors. Between sponsorships, teams, and hole games, we are projecting a profit of \$4,824.59.
The winners for A Flight were: 1st Place - the team from CPI Technologies consisting of Erik Crane, Josh Glover, Rob Kassing, and Derek Powell; and 2nd Place - the team from Advanced Systems consisting of Darren Lueberring, Evan Lueberring, Noah Lueberring, and Connor Newman. The winners for B Flight were: 1st Place – the team from B & W #2 consisting of Jay Manly, Spencer Styles, Brett Shields, and Jeremy Wheeler; and 2nd Place - the team from K-W Contractors consisting of Dillon Wolverton, Noah Kepley, Nathan Manbeck, and Monty Manbeck. Along with the two flights, prizes were handed out for the Longest Drive (which went to AJ Evans) and Closet to the Pin (which went to Thad Wells).
- c. The Fort Scott Golf Tournament was held on September 10th. Nineteen teams played. We had eighteen-hole sponsors, two corporate sponsors, and thirteen door prize sponsors. Niece Products of Fort Scott donated a Kansas City Chiefs fire pit that was auctioned off following the tournament. Between the sponsorships, teams, and hold games, we are projecting a profit of \$3,542.30.
The winners were: A Flight 1st Place went to the team of Tarrell Vann, Danny Brown, Jarod Brad, and Tim Bradbury; A Flight 2nd Place went to the team of Michael Harper, Shawn Marshall, Travis Schilling, and Chris Harper; B Flight 1st Place went to the team of Trentyn Moore, Tim Moore, Brett Scott, and Mark Bruder; and B Flight 2nd Place went to the team of Dustin Hall, Matt Wheeler, Clint Lawrence, and Ryan; C Flight 1st Place went to the team of Wally Maples, Mike Prince, Jake Scott, and Michael Hatcher; and C Flight 2nd place went to the team of Marcus Alexander, Michael Alexander, Larry Alexander, and Landon Bennett. Along with the two flights, prizes were handed out for the Longest Drive which went to Steve Sewell and Closest to the Pin which went to Dustin Fowler.
- d. Dates have been set for the 2023 fundraisers. Cruise Night will be April 18th at Central Park Pavilion in Chanute, KS. The dates and locations for the golf tournaments are as follows: June 17th – Erie; and September 16th - Fort Scott. Tricia is waiting to hear back from Stone Creek Golf Course in Chanute and the Fredonia Golf Club. We are looking at dates in August for Chanute and July for Fredonia.

Following the report, the board discussed other fundraising opportunities for the west counties.

- e. The annual poinsettia and holiday card fundraisers have begun. We are selling poinsettias in Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, and Wilson Counties. Delivery dates will be November 21st and December 12th. All funds raised go to the Service Center Day Programs in Chanute, Eureka, Fort Scott, Iola, Moline and Neodesha.

7. New Business
None

8. Board Member Reports
Judy mentioned a company in the Westwood area of Kansas City called Farmer's House. They make doggy treats as a fundraiser; they make the treats, package, and then sell them. This idea might be worth looking into as a fundraiser for the Foundation.

9. Acceptance of All Donations
For the period from June 1st through September 30th, the Foundation has received \$56,805 in donations. Motion made to accept donations (Sandi/Max). Motion passed.

10. Announcements
The next board meeting will be held in December with date and location to be determined.

11. Adjournment
Motion made to adjourn the meeting (Vic Anderson/Joel). Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

<u>Sandi Eggers</u>	<u>12/11/22</u>
Secretary	Date