

Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation, Inc.
Minutes, September 5, 2013 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Wild Game Feast Feastmaster David Gracy at 5:40PM. The following foundation members were present: Charles Allen, Keith Baucom, Mary Chance, Buddy Crevasse, Martin Dickinson, Wesley Eubank, Buddy Goodman, David Gracy, Grace Horvath, Parker Lawrence, Bill Matchell, Alan Morrow, Dana Nemenyi, Rob Oglesby, Charles Palmer, Lee Pinkoson, Susan Spain, Mary Kate Walker, Perry Purcell and Larry Christian (non-voting).

David asked those present to introduce themselves. He then requested all who had not signed the conflict of interest form to do so and then reviewed the conflict of interest guidelines. Anyone who stands to gain from a selection must exclude themselves from participating. Board members and volunteers of the grant applicants have the most direct conflict. A discussion ensued pertaining to the fair and unbiased selection of the recipient of the 2014 Wild Game Feast Funds. It was concluded that because of the diversity of the group and because all present will govern themselves by the 4-Way Test, this problem should be negligible.

Feastmaster David Gracy reviewed ways to proceed in selecting the Wild Game Feast Recipient. It was decided that applications not meeting the stated guidelines would be eliminated before foundation members took the initial vote. Dana Nemenyi moved and Grace Horvath seconded a motion to eliminate Meridian because it serves a multi-county area and grant funds would not primarily benefit Alachua County. Motion carried unanimously. Alan Morrow moved and Wesley Eubank seconded a motion to eliminate ACORN because it also serves multiple counties. ACORN has been a recipient in the past but Wes Eubank explained they received funding because individual members pushed the applicant's approval. Wes Eubank encouraged board members to keep in mind that the focus of the Wild Game Feast is to look out for the underserved in Alachua County. After much discussion the board decided to lump together applicants not meeting grant guidelines and not take individual votes. Alan Morrow agreed to amend his motion to state that the following grant applicants would be eliminated from consideration for Wild Game Feast funds: ACORN, Veterans Memorial, Fisher House, Peaceful Paths, Matheson Museum, United Way of NCF, Haven Hospice, American Red Cross, Reichert House, The Arc of Alachua County and Children's Home Society. Wes Eubank stated that because the Children's Home Society only requested \$5500, the Foundation could revisit their request once the amount of funds raised by the Wild Game Feast are determined. Alan Morrow reconfirmed his motion to eliminate all grant requests except the Boys & Girls Club, Bread of the Mighty and Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Wes Eubank seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Boys and Girls Club – Buddy Goodman and Grace Horvath spoke for the Boys and Girls Club. They have applied for WGF funds the prior three years and are a very well-run organization. It is believed that WGF funds would be well spent and that the Boys and Girls Club is sustainable. Rob Oglesby walked through the facility ninety days ago. His description was that "it is magical". Children from some of the most disadvantaged areas in Alachua County such as Majestic Oaks and Linton Oaks are bused there. The building is much in need of repair and there is no security.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Keith Baucom stated that BBBS impacts many in our community. Perry Purcell confirmed that the building was in poor repair. Larry Christian, former board member and sponsor of the project, explained the grant. Foundation board members Grace Horvath and Dana Nemenyi questioned the shelf life of the organization considering the extreme nature of repairs needed on the

building. The Rotary Foundation does not want to make an investment only to have the building sold in the future.

Bread of the Mighty – Charles Allen spoke in favor of Bread of the Mighty. They serve many in our community and may not be able to obtain the freezer without the Rotary Foundation support. It was asked how much they received several years ago. The WGF grant to Catholic Charities to benefit them was \$40,000.

At 6:20PM Martin Dickinson call for question. Board members were instructed to rank the final three agencies with a one (1) being the first choice, a two (2) second, a three (3) last choice. The Foundation Board voted the Boys and Girls Club and Bread of the Mighty as the top two choices.

A second vote was taken with board members voting for only one agency. Boys and Girls Club was voted as recipient of the Wild Game Feast Funds.

Feastmaster David Gracy asked board members not to reveal the results of the vote. He will contact the Boys and Girls Club to let them know they were selected. Then the final corporate documentation will be reviewed. Once everything has been confirmed, David will email each Rotary Club to make the announcement.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,

ROTARY CLUBS OF GAINESVILLE FOUNDATION, INC.

Susan Spain, Vice President for
Kirk Smith, Secretary