Avila Beach Community Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2025 – 5:00 PM
Avila Beach Community Center

Board Members Present:
Barbara Nicholson, Ellen Pitrowski, Tim Luken, Percy Jones, Joe Caradonna, Rick Cohen, Deb Pritchard, Bev Aho, Patrick Corrigan

Board Members Absent:
Lucinda Borchard, Paul Prather

Staff Present:
Rick Rowe, Marina Searcy

Guest:
Corinne Smith, ABCF Board Prospect

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1) Call to Order
President Barbara Nicholson called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

2) Roll Call
Roll call was conducted by Marina Searcy. Lucinda Borchard and Paul Prather were absent.

3) Introductions
Corinne Smith was welcomed as a prospective ABCF Board Member.

4) Consent Items
Motion to approve the October 16, 2025 board meeting minutes was made by Ellen Pitrowski and seconded by Patrick Corrigan.
Action: Motion passed unanimously.

5) Foundation Action Items
Trustee Grant Award Recommendations:

- Barbara Nicholson read aloud the ABCF Mission and Vision Statements to reaffirm purpose and priorities.
- Trustee Rankings for 2026 Grant Applicants were reviewed and discussed.
- Motion to allocate $115,000 to fund the 2026 grant applications was made by Barbara Nicholson and seconded by Ellen Pitrowski.
  Action: Motion passed unanimously.

Avila Beach Children's Business Fair	$	3,000.00
Avila Beach Civic Association	$	8,000.00
Avila Beach Jr. Lifeguard	$	6,500.00
Bellevue Santa Fe School - Field	$	5,000.00
Bellevue Santa Fe School - Theatre	$	2,500.00
Cancer Well Fit	$	6,000.00
Central Coast Aquarium - Building	$	7,500.00
Central Coast Aquarium - Touch Tank	$	8,000.00
Cuesta City to the Sea	$	3,000.00
ECO SLO Beach Cleanups	$	5,000.00
Friends of Avila Pier	$	15,000.00
Heroes on the Water	$	5,000.00
KCBX Public Radio	$	7,500.00
Pacific Wildlife Care	$	3,000.00
Port San Luis - Doggy Waste Bags	$	7,000.00
Pt. San Luis Lighthouse Keepers	$	5,000.00
SLO County Fire/Avila Beach CSD	$	5,000.00
SLO Noor Foundation	$	6,000.00
Surfrider Foundation	$	2,000.00
Upwell	$	5,000.00

6) Other Business Items

Distribution of 2026 ABCF Trustee Election Forms.

Forms were completed during the meeting and collected by Marina Searcy.

7) Informational Items

- Rick Rowe shared that the 2026 ABCF Meeting Calendar is in development.

8) Reminders

- Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Night: Friday, November 7, 2025 at 5:00 PM
- City to the Sea Run: Sunday, November 16, 2025
- Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Submitted by:

Marina Searcy
Project Specialist
Avila Beach Community Foundation