

**Avila Beach Community Foundation
Board Meeting – December 5, 2023 - 4:30pm
Avila Beach Community Center
MEETING MINUTES**

Board Members Present:

President: Barbara Nicholson
Treasurer: Patrick Corrigan
Bev Aho
Lucinda Borchard
Joe Caradonna
Percy Jones

Staff:

Executive Directors: Rick Cohen & Rick Rowe
Project Specialist: Kymberly Fazzio

Board Members Absent:

Vice President: Saul Goldberg
Secretary: Ellen Pitrowski
Paul Prather
Debra Pritchard
Richard Zacky

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm by Barbara Nicholson

2. Introductions - None

3. Roll Call by Kymberly Fazzio

4. Consent Items:

Patrick made a motion to accept the following consent items, Lucinda seconded, and all approved.

- a. Minutes from October 2023 Board Meeting
- b. September 2023 Financial Report
- c. October 2023 Morgan Stanley Portfolio Investment Report

5. 2023 Grantee Selection Session:

The board elected to award the following 13 grants totaling \$54,200 for the 2024 calendar year. There is \$8,500 left over from the full approved amount that the Board agreed to hold in an escrow account for 2024 to be used for a special grant. The Board voted to approve all of the above.

| Grantee | Amount Requested | Award Amount |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Avila Beach Civic Association | \$ 8,000 | \$ 7,000 |
| 2. Cancer Well-Fit | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,000 |
| 3. Central Coast Aquarium | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 |
| 4. KCBX Public Radio | \$ 2,000 | \$ 1,500 |
| 5. Nature Track (New Grant Request for 2024) | \$ 5,000 | \$ 2,000 |

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| 6. Noor Foundation | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 |
| 7. Operation Surf Central Coast | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 |
| 8. Point San Luis Lighthouse Keepers | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 |
| 9. People’s Self-Help Housing | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000 |
| 10. Port San Luis – Doggy Do Bags | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,000 |
| 11. Surfrider Foundation | \$ 2,000 | \$ 1,500 |
| 12. Avila Trolley | \$ 3,700 | \$ 3,700 |
| 13. Avila Beach Life News Delivery | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,000 |
| 14. Friends of Avila Pier | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$54,200 | \$54,200 |

6. Foundation Reporting, Planning and Action Items:

- a. **Junior Life Guards 2024 Grant Issue** – Rick C. tried to contact them several times (sent at least three to four emails and left a few detailed voicemails) asking them to submit their request for a release of funds for their 2023 grant award. He has not heard back from anyone, thus assumes the program does not need the funding. with Junior Life Guards. The Board agreed to not issue the funds granted.
- b. **New Public Water Refill Station** – Rick C. explained that Richard Zacky is working with the Port to install a new system by the restroom. The unit will replace the old one, and includes a water bottle refilling station, along with a people and pet drinking fountain.
- c. **2024 Board of Trustees**
 - 1. Richard Zacky is retiring from the Board after 10 years of service.
 - 2. Distributions of ballots for 2024 elections – Barbara requested all Board members turn in their ballots. Rick C. confirmed that the results will be announced in the January meeting.
- d. **2024 meeting schedule under construction** – Rick R. announced it is a similar schedule with days of the week and time of the month as 2023.
- e. **2024 Operating budget under construction** – Rick R. announced that this is the case.
- f. **Signature card update for Founder’s Community Bank** – Rick C. reported that to add Rick R. to the bank account and the new credit card, there needs to be approval in the minutes. Barbara made a motion to approve Rick R. as a signer on the checking account and to receive the foundation credit card in his name, Joe seconded and all approved.

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7. **Other Business** – All present acknowledged Rick Cohen for his 15 years of service to the Avila Beach Community Foundation.

8. **Adjourn Meeting** – Meeting adjourned by Barbara at 6:40 pm.

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| <i>Next Meeting – To Be Determined</i> |
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