

Avila Beach Community Foundation
Board Meeting – November 14, 2024 – 4:00 pm
MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:

President: Barbara Nicholson
Treasurer: Patrick Corrigan
Secretary: Ellen Pitrowski
Percy Jones
Joe Caradonna
Lucinda Borchard
Rick Cohen
Tim Luken
Deb Pritchard

Staff:

Executive Director: Rick Rowe
Project Specialist: Kymberly Fazio

Trustee Members Absent:

Paul Prather
Bev Aho

Other:

Kristen Howland (guest)
Kendra Paulding (guest)

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Barbara at 4:02 pm

2. Roll Call

3. Introductions:

a. Guests

- Kristin Howland, Pacific Wildlife Care
- Kendra Paulding, ECO SLO/Beach Cleanups

b. Brief meet and greet with new grant applicants

- Kendra Paulding from ECO SLO/Beach Cleanups made a brief presentation on their organization and the beach cleanups project. They will visit Avila Beach 3-4 times in 2025 for an organized clean up.

 - Kristin Howland from Pacific Wildlife Care made a brief presentation on their organization and the equipment they are seeking funding for.
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4. Consent items –

Lucinda made a motion to approve; Ellen seconded and all approved.

a. Approve minutes from October, 2024 board meeting.

5. Grantee Selection Process

a. Continuation of Avila Trolley in 2025 grant allocations – Rick reached out to Avila Trolley and they said ridership has grown. ABCF will continue to support them.

b. Grantee selection and award process

Grantee	Amount Requested	Award Amount
Cancer Well Fit	\$4,000	\$4,000
SLO Noor Foundation	\$5,000	\$5,000
Central Coast Aquarium*	\$15,000	\$8,000
Friends of Avila Pier	\$10,000	\$10,000
Avila Beach Jr. Lifeguard Program	\$5,525	\$4,000
Avila Beach Civic Association	\$8,000	\$7,000
People’s Self-Help Housing	\$4,000	\$3,000
Bellevue Santa Fe School (Kitchen)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Port San Luis – Doggy Waste Bags	\$7,000	\$6,000
Point San Luis Lighthouse Keepers	\$5,000	\$5,000
Avila Beach Children’s Business Fair	\$2,000	\$2,000
SLO County Fire/Avila Beach CSD	\$16,315	\$10,000
ECO SLO Beach Cleanups	\$5,000	\$3,000
Pacific Wildlife Care	\$3,000	\$1,500
Bellevue Santa Fe School (Theater)	\$6,000	\$2,000
Surfrider Foundation	\$2,000	\$1,500
KCBX Public Radio**	\$4,200	\$1,500
Avila Trolley	\$3,700	\$3,700
Nature Track	\$5,000	\$0
Grand Total	\$115,740.00	\$82,200.00

*Board Members would like to see matching funds for this project with Central Coast Aquarium.

** Board Members would like to fund \$1,500 for KCBX Public Radio on the condition that it is used to maintain the antenna.

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6. Foundation Action Items

a. Distribution of ballot of 2025 ABCF Trustees

- Barbara asked Board Members to fill out the ballot for 2025. All present completed them and turned them in. Results will be announced in January's meeting.

b. Barbara made a Final call of Trustee Donations for 2024

c. 2025 Meeting Calendar under construction

- Rick R. mentioned possibly moving the grant process to a different time of the year as September/October seem to be heavy travel months and attendance/participation tends to be less. He also asked to consider the meeting with Kevin Sanchez/Morgan Stanley prior to allocation meeting to be via Zoom.

d. 2025 ABCF Operation Budget under construction

- Rick Rowe spoke about the budget – no significant changes. He proposed we purchase our own projector so we no longer need to borrow one.

7. Other Business

- a. Percy Jones mentioned the need for a cache of first aid equipment in case there is an emergency. Rick Rowe asked if Percy would speak about this in the January meeting so the Board can determine if ABCF will fund this project.

8. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned by Barbara at 5:51 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 5:00 pm
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