

Corrections Foundation Board of Director's Meeting

May 24, 2022

1:30 p.m.

Community Corrections Office

Tampa, FL

Attendees:

Mr. Mark Redd
Mr. Jim Williams

Ms. Justine Patterson
Mr. Brian Wynns
Mr. Sam Culpepper
Mr. Tom Rush
Ms. Jenny Nimer
Mr. Dave Mecusker

Absent:

Mr. Brian Riedl – Proxy to
Mr. Williams
Ms. Lisa Miller
Mr. Thomas Reid

Staff:

Mr. Chris Akins
Ms. Sheri Logue

Ms. Sheila Logue

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and roll was taken. A quorum was established.

Invocation

Mr. Williams gave the invocation thanking God for the opportunity to serve the men and women of the Florida Department of Corrections.

Louie L. Wainwright Scholarship

The main function of today's meeting is to choose a scholarship recipient. Mr. Redd read the roll and asked each member for their top picks from the 17 submissions, recorded as follows:

Mr. Redd – 1
Mr. Rush – 12
Mr. Mecusker – 13
Mr. Culpepper – 1
Ms. Nimer – 1
Ms. Patterson – 4 and 13
Mr. Williams – 13
Mr. Wynns – 16

It was determined that number 13 received the most votes, number 1 was second. Board members were open to providing 2 scholarships since we have received \$7,000 in funding for this year. Mr. Williams made a motion

that for the first year, in honor of Mr. Wainwright, that we provide two scholarships, one for \$2,500 and one for \$1,500. Ms. Patterson seconded.

Discussion

Mr. Rush asked if there was any advantage to us to save the additional funds for next year, or should we provide two scholarships this year? Mr. Mecusker asked if we are in a position to repeat this every year and suggested that we reserve some so that we have funds for coming years. We have \$7000 this year, but are we going to have that amount of funding in future years and are we able to commit to two scholarships each year?

Ms. Nimer noted that we do not know what next year will hold so as we recognize and honor Mr. Wainwright we also do what we can to remain solvent and have funding available for the next year's scholarship and build the account so that the scholarship continues for many years.

Mr. Wynns suggested that we offer 3 scholarships of lesser amounts so that we benefit more staff. We could provide 3 scholarships @ \$1,000 each. Mr. Akins noted that our criteria for the scholarship states we will provide a scholarship for a maximum of \$2,500 and minimum of \$1,000 based on funds available.

Mr. Redd suggested that we recognize the top two, with \$2,500 and \$1,000.

Mr. Williams reminded everyone that the Corrections Foundation has committed to funding the scholarship each year with \$1,000 from unrestricted funds and will raise funds for the scholarship each year as well. If we provide \$3,500 total this year to two recipients, with the funding remaining the scholarship should be in good shape for years to come.

Mr. Mecusker made a motion to provide two scholarships, one at \$2,500 and \$1,500. Seconded by Ms. Nimer.

Motion made by Ms. Patterson to award the following winners. Seconded by Mr. Wynns and approved unanimously.

Scholarship winner of \$2,500 is # 13, Megan Michael and scholarship winner of \$1,500 is # 1, Clarissa Davis.

After a motion to adjourn, the meeting ended at 1:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted on July 7, 2022, by Sheri Logue

* Addendum – It was determined that Megan Michael no longer works for the Department of Corrections, therefore is not eligible for the scholarship. Clarissa Davis of Hardee Correctional Institution was notified that she has won the \$2,500 scholarship. Due to there not being a clear second place candidate, if a second scholarship is to be awarded the board will determine at a later date.