

Costa Mesa Community Foundation Minutes
Tuesday, August 28, 2012 4:30 PM
Costa Mesa City Hall Room 3A

Board Members present: President Mary Fewel, Vice President Jeff Harlan, Secretary Karen Ursini, Lea Lowe, Bill Turpit, Steve Grant, Bob Fernandez, Treasurer Gary Craig, Jeff Teller, Pete Zehnder. Absent were Jennifer Christ, Cindy Ronquillo, Tom Sutro, and City Council liaison Jim Righeimer. Also present was Lisa McPherson, from the Recreation Dept.

President Mary Fewel called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

I Public Comment: There was no public comment.

II Minutes: On the motion of Bill Turpit and the second of Jeff Harlan, plus the agreement of the directors the minutes of May 22 and June 26 were approved.

III Treasurer's Report: Gary Craig submitted a written report. In May the balance of discretionary funds was \$28,118, while funds already allocated were \$97,882. In June the balance of discretionary funds was \$36,469 while funds already allocated was \$97,854. The foundation accepted the report on the motion of Steve Grant and second by Lea Lowe. There was no action taken on the Trial Balance for July and August. The directors were reminded that their donation for the year was due if not already paid.

IV Old Business: Lisa McPherson of the Recreation Dept. spoke about the details of the fee Assistance Scholarship program initiated by the dept. When parents come to sign up their children for programs and request scholarship help, the clerks will check to see if they qualify because they are receiving subsidies through the school lunch program. Their fees can be reduced by 50%. Funding to provide this assistance will come to our account line item for the recreation dept. with a designation. We will disburse this money to the recreation dept. upon receiving receipts of assistance given to recipients. Gary Craig prefers not to have any information given to him other than the amount. He will meet with Lisa to see the amount and write the check. **Motion: Bill Turpit made a motion to operate this program through Costa Mesa Foundation because it is consistent with one of our objectives of providing recreation for Costa Mesa youth. Jeff Teller seconded it and the directors agreed. The directors also approved the brochure wording to be used.** Lisa also informed us that all the ROCKS money has been distributed from the account.

V Committee Reports

1. **Concerts in the Park:** Mary reported that all the promised monies have not been received so need some follow up. It looks like we have come out with \$10,729 profits. Much discussion occurred about the past and future concerts. We were reminded that we did begin the year with a \$13,000 in the Concerts account. A separate meeting will soon be scheduled to review the concerts. It was noted that Bob Fernandez donated the cost of renting the trucks that brought the barriers from the warehouse of South Coast Plaza.
2. **Grants Program:** Bill Turpit, chair of the committee, presented a written report. There were a number of recommendations:
First motion- Provide \$400 to the Costa Mesa Explorer Post 400 for an Academy Scholarship. Jeff Teller moved we provide it and Mary Fewel seconded it and the foundation members approved.

Second motion-Provide \$1,750 to the Freedom Committee (Veterans who do speaking in the schools) to purchase a digital projector and two speaker stands to enhance their presentation. Jeff Teller moved we provide this if still needed and Steve Grant seconded it. All were in favor.

Third motion-Provide \$2,000. To the Schools Mentoring Project led by Justin Fox of Art.Action.Mission a 501 C(3) to help fund the intensive start-up administration costs for the program in schools serving Costa Mesa students. Pete Zehnder moved and Lea Lowe seconded and the members agreed.

Fourth Motion-Move \$4,500 from the Veterans' Brick Fund into the Grants Fund to pay for the above motions. Much discussion revolved around this fund and it was ascertained that all the funds in it came from brick sales that contained on the receipt that funds beyond the cost of the brick could be used as designated by the foundation for other purposes. Pete Zehnder moved and Lea Lowe seconded and the members agreed.

VI New Business: None

VII Directors' Comments: Steve-commend all who worked so hard and long on the concerts. Jeff Teller-we need to build on the positive energy produced in the community by the concerts.

Adjourned at 6:05 PM

Next meeting is September 25th at 4:30 PM in Room 1A

Respectfully submitted by Karen Ursini, Secretary