



FEBRUARY

Project Scholars Board Meeting

February 16, 2022, 8:34 AM | Called to order by Paul Rountree

In Attendance

Executive Officers

President	Paul Rountree
Vice President	Mike Latham
Secretary	Nancy Srodes
Treasurer	Don Rose

Board Members

Lisa Buste	Michael Mitchell
Patty Delaney	Justin Nichols
Tom English	Sean Parks
Jo Ann Jones	Jill Swidler

Additional Attendee

Recording Minutes	Doris Bloodsworth
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Strikethroughs indicate absentees.

Approval of Minutes

- A **MOTION** was made by Jill Swidler to approve the Board Meeting minutes from January 19, 2022. Patty Delaney seconded the motion. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Denise Calderon, the CPA, had not furnished the financial report, so it will be forwarded when it is available.

Old Business

- **Event Manager Status**
 - Paul Rountree reviewed the qualifications of the top three applicants for the event manager position. He reported that the Executive Committee recommended choosing Indigo Creative Productions. A **MOTION** was made by Mike Latham to approve Paul Rountree entering negotiations with Aileen Mand, head of Indigo Creative Productions, to manage the 2022 Pig on the Pond Community Festival. Jo Ann Jones seconded the motion. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.
- **New Board Nominations**
 - Paul Rountree announced that, in accordance with the Bylaws, a Nominating Committee was formed made up of President Paul Rountree, Vice President Mike Latham, Patty Delaney, Tom English and Justin Nichols. The Committee will review all nominations submitted and make recommendations to the Board at the next regular meeting about who should fill open Board positions.
- **City Council**
 - Paul Rountree reminded the Board that City of Clermont staff will be recommending approval of Pig on the Pond to the Council at its February 22 meeting.

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- **Scholarship Committee**
 - Committee Chair Nancy Srodes said she and Co-chair Carissa Latham had reached out to committee members and confirmed 15 volunteers to read scholarship applications and four others to interview finalists after the March 1 deadline. She reported that Stephanie Fishel Henry has agreed to plan the Meet-and-Greet Reception for the four scholarship recipients. Nancy is also planning to create a video that will serve as a training for the committee members.
- **Communications**
 - Doris Bloodsworth shared recent initiatives, including promotion of the scholarship program to all South Lake schools with 12th grade programs. She also raised the question of pursuing a memorial bench for Cheryl Fishel. Tom English will follow up with Scott Davidoff at City Hall to see what guidelines need to be followed.
- **Lake County Tourism Grant**
 - Jill Swidler reported that Lake County had approved a \$10,000 grant to promote Pig on the Pond to residents outside Lake County.
- **Separation from the Community Foundation of South Lake**
 - Paul Rountree reported he had spoken with attorney Anita Geraci-Carver and accountant Curt Binney about next steps to formally separate Project Scholars from the Foundation. The next step: talking to Denise Calderon to ensure Project Scholars is categorized correctly with the IRS.

New Business

- **Action Timeline**
 - Doris Bloodsworth reported she has started an action timeline that will help the Board track its progress and milestones related to events and programs. She will now work with the new event manager to incorporate event action items and bring the timeline to future meetings.
- **New Agenda Item**
 - Paul Rountree asked that going forward, a timeline be included to the Board agendas so that members can ensure the organization is on track for the scholarship program and events.

Next meeting: March 23, 2022 – 8:30 AM. *The Board voted on this date due to spring break the week before.*

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.