



BROWARD VICTIM'S RIGHTS COALITION

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Minutes from the General Meeting held on January 17, 2024 at 11:00 AM

SUNRISE POLICE DEPT. COMMUNITY ROOM

10440 West Oakland Park Blvd.

Sunrise, FL 33351

I. Call to Order: Sandra Vazquez

- Meeting called to order at 11:05am.

II. Introductions: All Members Present

III. Read and Approve Minutes from November Meeting: All Present

- Mike Calderin motions to approve the minutes. Kerry Clarke seconds. Motion passes.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Debbie Geller

- **RLK Fund Account**
 - **November**
 - Starting Balance: \$1,063.60
 - -\$500 (\$250 Publix gift card and \$250 Shell gift card for CSPD victim)
 - -\$200 (Walmart Gift Card for State Attorney's Office victim)
 - \$700 (transferred from general account)
 - 0.01 interest earned
 - Ending Balance: \$1,063.61
 - **December**
 - Starting Balance: \$1,063.61
 - -\$300 (Holiday Helper Funds)
 - +\$300 (transferred from general account)
 - 0.01 interest earned
 - Ending Balance: \$1,063.62
- **Leadership Broward Account**
 - Starting Balance: \$2,555.94
 - Ending Balance: \$2,555.94
 - No changes for November or December.

- General Account
 - November
 - Starting Balance: \$37,480.62
 - -\$700 (transferred to RLK account)
 - -\$0.30 service charge
 - -\$133.75 (lock purchased for Miramar PD victim)
 - \$824.76 (deposits for membership dues and annual meeting ticket sales)
 - \$1500 donated by the Plantation Police Department
 - \$2000 donated by the Margate Police Department
 - Ending Balance: \$40,971.33
 - December
 - Starting Balance: \$40,971.33
 - -\$3,500 (Holiday Helper Funds)
 - -\$62.99 (President's Award)
 - -\$1.80 service charge
 - -\$2,104.56 (check deducted for the annual meeting)
 - \$1,114.90 (deposits for membership dues and annual meeting ticket sales)
 - Ending Balance: \$36,416.88
- Year End Report
 - \$15,649.57 Total Income
 - (8,400 LETF/Restitution, 1,030 Membership Dues, 788.90 RLK Baskets, 75 SPD Family Donation, 750 PPD Plaque, 280 Network For Good, NCVRW and Annual Meeting 4,325.67)
 - \$24,105.02 Total Expenses
 - (6934.08 RLK, 3500 HH, 444.06 Leadership Broward, 70 Sunbiz, 754 Garden shells, 3850 Monument Broward, 176 PO Box, 219.36 NCVRW Trophies, 49.96 garden rocks, 300 Roxcy Bolton donation, 228.12 DVAM trophies, 62.99 President's Award trophy, 1500 Growth Co Website, 467.76 Go Daddy Website, 559.98 Insurance, 4,988.71 NCVRW/Annual Meeting)
 - $24,105.02 - 15,649.57 = -8,455.45$
 - \$6,571.67 consisted of non-reoccurring expenses.
- Tara Arena motions to approve the Treasurer's Report. Judy Nesbitt seconds. Motion passes.

V. Speaker: Monica Ubals, MS

Nancy J. Cotterman Center Human Trafficking Team - Behavior Health Clinician

- The Human Trafficking Team strives to conduct education in the community. This includes talking to young people in schools and in foster homes about human trafficking risks and social media as a means for recruiting. It also includes speaking with medical providers about red flags and how to recognize signs of HT, such as frequent STI's.
- Additionally, the team collaborates with some businesses in the community by placing a QR code for the Nancy J. Cotterman Center in the bathrooms.

- Services offered to survivors include intensive case management, referrals, legal help, immigration assistance, referrals for medical and dental health. May also assist youth with having criminal charges dropped if they have been arrested under the age of 18 and have also been identified as an HT victim. They need to complete the program and community service.
- There are boys and girls groups that take place for kids displaying risky behaviors.
- The team works collaboratively with the IRC, the Flite Center, and the Office of the State Attorney.
- Recent events include the Youth Summit on 1/13 to raise awareness for youth and the Action Speaks event at Boyd Anderson High School.
- Referral forms are available for youth who are displaying risky behaviors.

VI. New Business

A. NCVRW – Sandra Vazquez

- National Crime Victim's Rights Week is coming up in April. We will have a Garden Committee, Awards Committee, and Training Committee for the membership to collaborate on all preparation efforts.

1. Garden Committee

- Applications for engravings at the garden will be available on the BVRV website.
- The deadline to receive the applications will be 2/19/24. A proof of crime is needed.
- Engravings cost \$75, however the fee can be waived if there is a hardship. No victims have paid for their engravings in the past 3 years.
- The vigil will be on Tuesday, April 23rd at the garden.
- The garden committee will be asked to help paint rocks for the garden.
- On the day of the vigil, committee members should arrive at approximately 4:30pm. The event will start at 5:30 and the attendees will move into the garden at about 6pm.

2. Awards Committee

- A sign-up sheet is going around for the award's committee. It is a low time commitment.
- The committee will update the award's nomination form with this year's categories.
- We are renaming the Volunteer of the Year Award to the Barbara Koeppel Volunteer of the Year Award. We are also splitting the Law Enforcement Officer/Prosecutor of the Year Award into two separate categories.
- The committee will also identify a group to judge the awards. In previous years we have used interns and classes. If anyone knows of any groups that may be able to judge, please let us know.

3. Training Committee

- A location needs to be identified for the annual training/luncheon. It is ideal if there are two rooms.
 - Working with TTAC on selecting a training topic. There is one offered on cultural competency.
 - The annual training is tentatively scheduled for 4/25/24.
 - Arc Broward does cater, and they are an option. Please let us know if anyone knows of any other caterers.
 - Suggestions for a venue include the Holiday Inn or a Lauderhill park.
- B. Promotional Items – Sandra Vazquez
 - We would like to place an order for promotional items. If anyone has any ideas for items or vendors please let the board know.
- C. Forfeiture Funds – Sandra Vazquez
 - A letter will be sent out to request forfeiture fund donations from law enforcement agencies.
- D. February meeting will be back at Plantation PD

VII. Old Business

- A. Annual Meeting Wrap-up - Sandra Vazquez
 - The annual meeting was a great success. We made close to \$800 with the sale of the baskets and centerpieces.
 - Offering the ability to swipe a card and using Zelle for ticket purchases went well.
- B. Website – Tara Arena
 - The website will be live this week.
 - Going forward we will be able to sign up for events and make payments on the website.
- C. RLK Victim Assistance Fund - Elena Munoz
 - No RLK applications have been approved since the last general meeting.
 - RLK is a fund of last resort to help with basic needs, food/clothing, repairs, and other necessities related to the crime.
 - There is a maximum benefit of \$500. Cash cannot be given. Must be in the form of gift cards or payments directly to providers.
- D. Social Media Committee - Paulina Alzate
 - If anyone has anything they would like to have posted on social media, please e-mail Paulina at PAalzate@sao17.state.fl.us.
- E. Speaker's Bureau/ Community Outreach – Ashley Conon

- Please e-mail Ashley if you mention BVRC at any speaking engagements aconon@margatefl.com.
- We track BVRC mentions to be used when applying for grants.

F. Membership – Tara Arena

- Membership fees are due in February. a. Membership dues are \$10 for students, \$25 for individual members, or \$60 for an agency. An agency membership is for 3 named individuals from your organization.
- Please contact Tara with any questions regarding membership Tarena@coconutcreek.net.

VIII. Announcements

- It is an election year. This upcoming November. It is always great to have younger people with new ideas.
- The bill stating that a victim's name is no longer subject to confidentiality under Marcy's Law has passed. However, the bill is under appeal.
- Deva stated a speaker at the SART meeting on 2/15/24 will discuss what will happen if the addendum is not appealed.
- We are looking into bringing bowling back. More info to come soon.

IX. Adjournment

- Jenifer Mejia Coronell motions to adjourn. Elena Munoz seconds. Meeting adjourned at 12:08pm.

Next meeting February 21, 2024

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