



BROWARD VICTIM'S RIGHTS COALITION

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED, PRESENT & HEARD

**Minutes from the General Meeting held on July 17, 2024 at 11:00 AM
Plantation Police Department
451 N.W. 70th Terrace Plantation, FL 33317**

I. Call to Order: Jenifer Mejia

- ❖ Meeting called to order at 11:06am.

II. Introductions: All Members Present

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

- ❖ Mike Calderin motioned to approve the minutes. Martha Patton seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Debbie Geller

- ❖ May
 - RLK Fund Account
 - Starting Balance: \$970.63
 - -\$246.09 requested by NJCC, futon for a sexual battery survivor
 - -\$500 (\$250 Walmart gift card, \$250 Publix gift card) requested by CSPD for a victim
 - -\$500 Airbnb e-gift card requested by SAO VAU for stalking victim
 - \$1500 transferred from General Account
 - \$0.01 interest earned
 - Ending Balance: \$1,224.55
 - Leadership Broward Account
 - Starting Balance: \$2,405.95
 - Ending Balance: \$2,405.95
 - General Account
 - Starting Balance: \$37,962.80
 - -\$750 payment for annual meeting venue
 - -\$1500 transferred to the RLK account
 - -\$6.72 charged in bank fees
 - -\$1700 paid to Broward Monument for the Garden Engravings
 - Ending Balance: \$34,006.08
- ❖ June
 - RLK Fund Account

- Starting Balance: \$1,224.55
- \$543 transferred from General Account
- \$0.01 interest earned
- Ending Balance: \$1,767.56
- Leadership Broward Account
 - Starting Balance: \$2,405.95
 - Ending Balance: \$2,405.95
- General Account
 - Starting Balance: \$34,006.08
 - -\$500 check for rent for RLK victim.
 - -\$543 transferred to RLK account
 - \$326.64 received in membership dues
 - Ending Balance: 33,289.72
- ❖ Additionally, we received LETF donations from Davie Police Department in the amount on \$2500 and Lauderhill Police Department in the amount of \$1000. Will reflect on the next bank statement. **Thank you!!**
- ❖ Victoria Sexton motioned to approve the treasurers report, Paulina Quintero seconded. Motion passed.

V. Speaker: Angine Moss Founder/ CEO Hosanna4Youth

- ❖ Hosanna4Youth was founded in 2007, initially in Plantation, and then moved to West Park.
- ❖ The organization helps childhood sexual trauma survivors of all ages.
- ❖ Hosanna4Youth educates, creates awareness, provides resources, and support to survivors.
- ❖ Culturally we're told not to talk about what goes on in our house. The programs allow victims to regain self-worth and reenter society
- ❖ The organization has helped over 2500 families in Miami, Broward, and Palm Beach
- ❖ The organization meets clients where they are at, with lived experience.
- ❖ Hosanna4Youth coordinates with other local agencies such as NJCC, provides counseling and connects with therapy services.
- ❖ Programs offered include:
 - Exposed: The Conversation – for those impacted by incest/molestation by a family member or friend.
 - C.A.R.E – for foster care, kinship, and group homes.
 - HUGS – for LGBTQ youth
 - Maximized Fitness – engages the entire family to work together to build a component of safety.
- ❖ Hosanna4Youth may be reached at 1-877-449-6884, 954-300-1370, <https://hosanna4youth.org/about-us/>

VI. Old Business

A. Bowling event- Jenifer Mejia

1. Save the date: 10/20/24

- We have decided to hold a bowling fundraiser during domestic violence awareness month.
- Location: Bowlero Tamarac
- Agencies will be able to sign up individual bowlers or teams

2. Donations

- We are looking for sponsors and monetary donations

3. Raffle

- There will be a raffle following the event. If anyone knows of any organizations who may be willing to offer in-kind donations for the raffle, such as restaurant gift cards, please let us know.

B. RLK Victim Assistance Fund - Elena Munoz

- RLK is a victim assistance fund for any needs a victim may have after a crime occurs. RLK is a last resort
- A maximum of \$500 can be requested
- A law enforcement report is needed
- The person requesting funds must be a BVRC member in good standing
- The RLK application can be submitted directly through the BVRC website
- RLK funds issued for May and June include one \$500 Airbnb e-gift card for a stalking case, requested by the State Attorney's Office and a \$500 check issued to a landlord for rent for a sexual battery victim

C. Social Media Committee - Paulina Quintero

- Please e-mail Paulina if you would like anything posted on social media at pquintero@sao17.state.fl.us.

D. Speaker's Bureau/ Community Outreach – Ashley Conon

- Please e-mail Ashley if you mention BVRC at any speaking engagements aconon@margatefl.com. BVRC mentions are tracked for grant purposes.
- A PowerPoint slide is available to be used at speaking engagements, if requested.

E. Membership – Tara Arena

- Please contact Tara if you have questions regarding your membership status Tarena@coconutcreek.net.

VII. Announcements

- i. Bikers Against Child Abuse is available to present and connect with agencies. Resources available to everyone. Helpline: 786-766-2131.
<https://florida.bacaworld.org/sawgrass-chapter/>

- ii. Veronika Evans with the Hollywood Police Department is available to provide Russian or Ukrainian interpretations for victims, if needed. Office: 954-967-4411 Ext. 6136, E-mail (preferred method of contact) vevans@hollywoodfl.org .

VIII. Adjournment

- i. Debbie Geller motioned to adjourn. Victoria Sexton seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.

Next meeting August 21, 2024

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