



BROWARD VICTIM'S RIGHTS COALITION

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Minutes from the General Meeting held on October 16, 2024 at 11:00 AM.

Plantation Police Department

451 N.W. 70th Terrace

Plantation, FL 33317

- I. Call to Order: Sandra Vazquez
 - Meeting called to order at 11:05a.m.
- II. Introductions: All Members Present
- III. Read and Approve Minutes from September Meeting: All Present
 - Debbie Geller motioned to approve the minutes. Cathy Leviano seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Debbie Geller
 - General Account
 - i. Starting Balance: \$35,477.52
 - ii. \$500 received in bowling registrations.
 - iii. \$1500 received as a donation from the Plantation Police Department forfeiture funds. Thank you!
 - iv. -0.35 deducted in service charges.
 - v. -\$400 deducted as a donation to NJCC for the Sexual Assault Response Team Symposium.
 - vi. Ending Balance: \$37,077.17
 - Leadership Broward Account
 - i. Starting Balance: \$2,034.60
 - ii. Ending Balance: \$2,034.60
 - RLK Account
 - i. Starting Balance: \$1,767.58
 - ii. -\$500 deducted for an RLK request. A Walmart gift card for miscellaneous expenses for a Coral Springs Police Department victim.
 - iii. Ending Balance: \$1,267.59
 - Jill Fogel motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Judy Nesbitt seconded. Motion passed.
- V. Speaker: Shena Kitt
Chief Operating Officer
Women in Distress
 - Due to unforeseen circumstances, the speaker was unable to attend. Will reschedule.

VI. New Business:

- Standing committees
 - i. It is an election year. Some board members will be leaving and there will be vacancies to fill.
 - ii. We will also need to restaff some of our standing committees. The committees include:
 - 1. Garden Committee – Oversees the annual vigil to ensure everything goes smoothly.
 - 2. RLK Committee - Receives RLK requests, makes sure the requestor is in good standing and the incident and request meet the criteria. 1 person needed.
 - 3. Social Media Committee. 1 person needed.
 - 4. Events Committee.

VII. Old Business

- A. Bowling event- Ashley Conon
 - i. 1. Donations
 - ii. 2. Raffle
 - iii. The bowling event is this Sunday, 10/20. More than 70 people have registered to attend. The raffle will be held following the bowling tournament. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the event.
- B. Elections – Victoria Sexton
 - i. Nominations for board positions are being accepted through an online link. The link was only sent out to members in good standing.
 - ii. The deadline to submit nominations is next Friday. Once all nominations are received a slate will go out to all members in good standing for voting to take place.
- C. RLK Victim Assistance Fund – Elena Munoz
 - i. RLK is a fund for victims. It is a fund of last resort. Members in good standing may request up to \$500 per incident for needs arising as a result of a crime.
 - ii. Holiday Helper has also taken place over the past few years each December, in which Amazon gift cards are sent to families in need, who were victims of a crime. Members must be in good standing to submit applications for Holiday Helper, as well.
- D. Social Media Committee – Courtney May cmay@browardsao.com
 - i. Courtney is covering for Paulina. Courtney has access to the BVRC IG and Facebook.
 - ii. If you have anything you would like to post on social media, please send to Courtney.
- E. Speaker's Bureau/ Community Outreach – Ashley Conon
 - i. Please e-mail Ashley if you mention BVRC at any speaking engagements aconon@margatefl.com . BVRC mentions are tracked for grant purposes.
- F. Membership – Tara Arena
 - i. Membership dues are due at the end of February.

- ii. If you have questions about your membership status, please contact Tara Tarena@coconutcreek.net .

VIII. Announcements

- Bill Saitta will be coming to the Plantation Police Department on October 22nd to do a victim compensation training. Please RSVP to Debbie DGeller@psd.plantation.org if you would like to attend.
- Coconut Creek Police Department will be hosting a Victim Services Practitioner Designation training June 16-20, 2025.
- The annual meeting/luncheon will be held on December 18th @ 11:30 at the Jacaranda Country Club. More information to follow.

IX. Adjournment

- Judy Nesbitt motioned to adjourn. Tara Arena seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:29a.m.

Next meeting November 20, 2024

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