

ACBC Minutes from Board Meeting October 19, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Mike G. at 5:32 PM

Public Comment- No public comment was made.

Call to Order

Serenity Prayer

Roll Call – Present: Mike G., Fernando R., Ron F., Dale S., Brandi C., and David G.

Absent: Jeannie G. and Daniel J.

Board Activity:

New Board Candidate- Fred Evans. Intro as individual with Lived Experience. Both Ron F. and Brandi C. spoke in favor of Fred being elected to the Board. Moved to approve by Ron F., seconded by Dave G.; motion approved unanimously by remaining present Board Members. Fred Evans was welcomed as the ninth and final member of the Board.

Secretary's Report – Minutes from September 2023; Motion to accept by Ron F.; 2nd by Dave G.; Motion Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Reviewed and approved; Motion to accept by Dave G.; Fernando R. 2nd the motion; Motion Approved.

Old Business:

501(c)3 Application Update- On Wednesday, October 18th, Dale from Varnum Law verified that the application had been submitted on behalf of the Alano Club earlier this week and although it could potentially take several months to hear back from the IRS, he would keep us posted as soon as he does.

Accounting/Tax Update- Grace from Stonehenge was able to complete the Alano Club's previous year's tax return and submit both the Federal and State tax returns were physically signed by Mike Grider and mailed to the IRS on **October 10, 2023**. Total amount paid to Stonehenge for services rendered on behalf of the Alano Club to date is \$7,050.

Reimbursement Request- Brandi Clanton is in the process of requesting reimbursement for all accounting and legal expenses from the Battle Creek Community Foundation. Brandi received an email from Brenda Hunt on Friday, October 6, 2023, stating that she would process the request and proceed with issuing this payment. She is requesting documentation for her records indicating what measures the Alano Club has put in place to ensure that this situation does not happen again- **Please review and sign the draft document attached.**

Rubix Technologies/ Website Development- The Alano Club received 8 outstanding invoices totaling \$3,825 (spanning from Nov 2020- Feb 2023). Brandi has emailed Bryan to request reimbursement for half the cost invested in Rubix Technologies on behalf of the Alano Club. Brandi requested Board approval to pay the outstanding invoices; motion seconded by Fernando R.; Motion Approved.

Discussion occurred around changing the Alano Club website hosting platform from Rubix Technologies to GoDaddy. Pros and Cons were presented by several Board Members. The decision was made to table this discussion for a later date.

Michelle Arnold- Fernando presented the Board with a motion to approve the reimbursement of expenses incurred by Michelle Arnold while planning and executing the Murder Myster Fundraiser in the amount of \$400. The motion was seconded by Dale S; Motion Approved.

Ron F. wants to ensure that during the next Board Meeting, there is time set aside to discuss planning for the Alano Club Annual Meeting and Board of Director Elections.

Committee Reports:

ACE Committee – Logan was not present for the meeting, nor did he present a report.

Building Committee –

- Dale has purchased automatic timers for the coffee pots to ensure that they are not left on overnight. He ordered them off Amazon and expects them to arrive in the next couple of days.
- Dale is also contacting flooring companies to have the tile floors refinished. He will be gathering estimates to bring to the Board.
- Mike would like to see the two small round tables in the back of Room 1 replaced as the legs are uneven and need to have cardboard under the table legs to make the table level and steady.

Finance Committee – no report

House Committee – no report

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM