

Friends of the Met, Inc.
Board Meeting
Friday, January 14, 2022 – 12:00 Noon
Zoom Meeting

Annual Meeting Minutes

Officers in Attendance by Zoom: President Jill Norman, Director Lynn Starnes, Director Julie Monnot, Director Laura Mock, Director Michael Patton, Director Cindy Spitler, Director Graham Brannin

Officers not in Attendance: Director Michael Willis and Director Lynn Starnes

Others in Attendance In-Person: Bobby Schultz (M.e.t.), Terrie Hannam (M.e.t.), Terri Brannin (M.e.t.), Justin Thompson (ONEOK)

Friends of the M.e.t, Inc. Board of Directors met on January 14, 2022, via Zoom. President Jill Norman called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

I. Introductions: Friends Board, Guest

President Jill Norman welcomed the board members.

II. Year End Report, Jill Norman and Bobby Schultz

Bobby Schultz displayed the Fiscal Year 2021 Report commenting on the big win of having a sponsor to support the Downtown Tulsa Recycling Center through ONEOK and the East Tulsa Recycling Center through the Brannin Family Foundation. One item listed that is not in the FY 2021 year, is a grant from PepsiCo for rural education. He said he included it in the report, however, the funds have not been received to date. This grant is to help support the towns that don't have access to recycling and said he will meet with PepsiCo soon to map out the strategy. Bobby Schultz said the M.e.t. was presented with the Bellmon Award for Sustainability and Platinum level status on Sustainable Tulsa's Scor3card program.

Bobby Schultz said it is important to continue to explain what The M.e.t. is and does as there is still confusion by reporters who think we oversee the transfer station. He reviewed depot collection and event numbers and the extent that we are impacting. He also mentioned the schools that our educator had in 58 schools in which she taught recycling. He mentioned the three awards given out on behalf of America Recycles Day: (1) Cox Media Group for the 2021 Green Event Award for the Big Spring Clean; (2) Humble Son's Bike Company and Bike Club for the Green Non-Profit Award; and (3) ONEOK for Environmental Stewardship Award. Bobby Schultz displayed the last page of the report showing the pictures of M.e.t.'s educator and the students from Rosa Parks Elementary School and is proud of the impact of learning about recycling, worm composting, and creating more environmentally conscientious students to translate to future environmentally conscientious adult and homeowner.

III. Election or Renewal of Officers

Bobby Schultz said the current officers are President Jill Norman and Secretary/Treasurer Lynn Starnes and asked if they would continue to serve. (*Note: Michael Patton is a third signature on the account.*)

Cindy Spitler moved to approve renewal of officers for Jill Norman and Lynn Starnes. Laura Mock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



IV. Approve Minutes from October 8, 2021

Michael Patton moved to approve the *Minutes of October 8, 2021*. Mike Melega seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Tulsa Drillers "Go Green Night" Thursday, April 14, 2022

Bobby Schultz said the M.e.t. has done the Go Green Night for several years, and he would like the Friends Board to support payment of the event while he continues to find co-sponsors for the event. We will have a small green trade show not to conflict with Enviro Expo but a few invites are the City of Tulsa, Tulsa Conservation District, and Up with Trees. The first 1,000 participants will get the green jerseys and education announcement during the game.

Michael Patton moved approval of the expense of the Go Green Night at the Tulsa Drillers. Julie Monnot seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Melega said the Tulsa Drillers would like to supply tickets to the workers at the recycling centers and their families as a way of thanking them for all their hard work. Also, he suggested a worker or workers could be recognized by throwing the first pitch of the game.

VI. Financials and Approve Receipts and Disbursements from October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Bobby Schultz reviewed the disbursements as follows: (1) transfer of the \$34,000 from the Brannin Family Foundation for the operation of the East Tulsa Center; (2) check to M.e.t. for \$6,533 for reimbursement of fundraising signs, miscellaneous expense (i.e. mailing taxes), and transfer grant funds for educational supplies; (3) Tulsa Drillers for \$6,000 for Go Green Night; and (4) debit for \$49.71 for October's lunch meeting.

Bobby Schultz noted the *Balance Sheet* already reflects the expenses listed above and shows an account balance of \$22,897.17. He reviewed the *Budget Report* and commented on the grant revenue for the year came in before July 1, 2021, therefore, the expense is higher than the revenue. In the expense, he said the Go Green Night was coded in the America Recycles Day's code since this is where money had been budgeted but not utilized. The worker support includes the gift of ONEOK transferred to the operations.

Cindy Spitler asked about the revenue received from the Givebutter signs. Bobby Schultz responded the amount has been small but there are plans to promote the QR funds on other fliers. Jill Norman asked about the Friends of the M.e.t. Inc.'s Facebook page and birthday fundraisers. Bobby Schultz said the setting up for this has been tedious and we have had to call our former intern Bailey Veal since she started the process.

Michael Patton moved for approval of financials as presented. Cindy Spitler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Patton moved to approve the receipts and disbursements as presented. Graham Brannin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

Bobby Schultz announced the new recycling directory and mentioned Owasso and Jenks want do events. The following are scheduled events:

- Saturday, March 5, 2022, Big Clean Spring
- April 23, 2022. Claremore Collection Event
- April 30, 2022, Broken Arrow Trash Bash (spring) Event

Cindy Spitler introduced Justin Thompson who is chair of ONEOK's volunteer committee. Justin Thompson said he is looking forward to being more involved with the community within guidelines of where they can serve,



specifically, the Big Spring Clean and also for races coming up in the community to hand out water. Terrie Hannam mentioned The M.e.t. has bins to loan for the races as needed.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourn.

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Approved on 4-1-2022

Terrie Hannam
President

C. Lynn Starnes
Secretary

