



Friends of the Met, Inc.
Board Meeting
INCOG Large Conference Room, WTII, 2 W 2 Street, Suite 800, Tulsa
Friday, July 8, 2022– 12:00 Noon
Meeting Minutes

Officers in Attendance In-person: President Jill Norman, Director Michael Patton, Director Graham Brannin, Director Laura Mock, Director Julie Monnot

Officers in Attendance by Phone: Director Cindy Spitler

Officers not in Attendance: Director Michael Willis, Director Mike Melega, and Director Lynn Starnes

Others in Attendance In-Person: Bobby Schultz (M.e.t.), Terrie Hannam (M.e.t.)

Friends of the M.e.t, Inc. Board of Directors met on April 1, 2022. President Jill Norman called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

- I. Introductions: Friends Board, Guest
 President Jill Norman said there are not guests but welcomed all. It was mentioned that Lynn Starnes is not able to attend today but is still serving on the Board and has changed jobs and now works at Crossroads Communications.
- II. Approve Minutes from April 1, 2022 Meeting
Michael Patton moved to approve the *Minutes of April 1, 2022*. Julie Monnot seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Approve Minutes from June 2-20, 2022 Email Meeting
Michael Patton moved to approve the *Minutes of June 2-20, 2022, Email Meeting*. Graham Brannin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Update of Facebook Fundraising and Bank Account
 Terrie Hannam said Facebook would not allow Friends of The M.e.t. to do birthday fundraisers because our bank account name did not exactly match our bank statement name. Jill Norman said she went to the bank to make these changes. Terrie Hannam said she will check the next bank statement and have our intern contact Facebook.

 Michael Patton said there are two “days of giving” each year. There should be a plan before these days. He said we should have a specific ask such as a dollar amount equal to the number of years being an agency (35 years and \$35 dollars). Graham Brannin asked if The M.e.t. could provide a graphic. Jill Norman said it is part of the program when you pull up the fundraiser. Jill Norman said we can ask folks to give money during the “day of caring.”

 Jill Norman asked if there are any people who give to Friends of the M.e.t. monthly. Terrie Hannam responded yes. Graham Brannin asked if we get any money from Smile.Amazon.com. Terrie Hannam responded about \$10 every three months. Jill Norman said Amazon Prime Days are coming up and asked that we do a post promoting Friends of M.e.t. on Smile.Amazon and perhaps an email to a mailing list as well.
- V. FY 21/22 Financials
 - a) Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Budget Report



In the accounts receivable, Bobby Schultz said we received a \$1,000 grant from Walmart on behalf of the Glenpool Recycling Depot. Graham Brannin asked if we have received any grants from Home Depot. Terrie Hannam responded no. Michael Patton said The M.e.t. did get a discount on the purchase of a fence from Home Depot for the Downtown Tulsa Recycling Center.

Bobby Schultz said Jacobs gave a \$250 donation to Enviro Expo after the event was over and we contacted the company and they agreed to roll it over to the America Recycles Day celebration. He pointed to the expense under ARD, he mentioned it was for the Go Green Night at the Tulsa Drillers.

Bobby Schultz said the end of the fiscal year shows a negative net number, he reminded all that some of the revenue came in on the previous fiscal year to pay the for Downtown Tulsa Recycling Center and it shows negative, however, we are not running in a deficit.

Jill Norman asked if the Givebutter signs with the QR logo have generated any revenue. Terrie Hannam responded a little but has not met the expense paid for the signs. Julie Monnot said we should be using the QR code on fliers and other areas and even the recycling directories.

Michael Patton moved to approve FY 21/22 financials and budget. Laura Mock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Review and Consider Approval of FY 22/23 Budget

Michael Patton moved to approve FY 22/23 budget. Laura Mock seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

VII. Discuss Sponsorship and Plan of Action for Downtown Tulsa Recycling Center and East Tulsa Recycling Center

Bobby Schultz stated that TRT has quadrupled their price for Tulsa's curbside recycling program, and also asked for a higher percentage in the sale of recycling. Also, Covanta raised their prices in the bid and Bobby Schultz explained that TARE rejected both bids. Because of this, he reported that Terry Ball stated the possibility TARE could fund a couple of additional M.e.t. recycling centers in Tulsa. Julie Monnot said that based on the M.e.t.'s budget committee meeting, we cannot make changes on M.e.t.'s budget until we see the direction and changes that Tulsa makes to their system. There was a brief discussion regarding solid waste companies and issues. Terrie Hannam mentioned that the Tulsa trustee said they would not fund the East Tulsa Recycling Center because it is not viable. Graham Brannin said the Brannin Family Foundation may be able to contribute \$20,000 do not make it widely known yet and to see what Tulsa is willing to contribute towards a center.

Regarding East Tulsa, Bobby Schultz said we pay \$350 a month for rent and the recycling revenue is low. Also, we had to pull the trash dumpster because the local food trucks were using it. There was discussion regarding relocating southeast Tulsa near apartments. One being at 51st & Garnett called At Home with an oversized lot and Arvest Bank (The M.e.t.'s bank) is near the lot. Michael Patton suggested contacted them for use of the lot and to contact Chris Hodges with Arvest Bank.

Graham Brannin said when he was director, he had a map showing all the apartments and suggested Bobby revisit as to where the perfect desired area and then try to find a lot near that area. Michael Patton asked each of the board members look at the southeast Tulsa and see if there are any areas to relocate. Jill Norman suggested the TCC at 81& Mingo area.

VIII. Discuss Sponsorship and Plans for America Recycles Day Celebration Thursday, November 10, 2022

Bobby Schultz asked all to consider someone to nominate for an award. Michael Patton suggested a nomination for Walmart for the ARD celebration. He said that they are the largest buyer of organic cotton, organic produce, (forcing farmers to change their operations). They also have started more recycling at their stores. Bobby



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said the nominations are due October 5th. Michael Patton suggestion contacting OKRA and their mailing list to send the nominations. He also suggested contact the Downtown Coordinating Council.

Terrie Hannam said there is a rental contract to be approved for the Driller’s location in the amount of \$700 and that this was discounted from \$1,400. She said the check has not been made but asked for approval of the expense. Bobby Schultz said we have the option of a sit-down dinner or heavy Hors D’oeuvres. He suggested making it the heavy Hors D’oeuvres and not a dinner. He asked about alcohol. Terrie Hannam said The M.e.t. has never purchased alcohol directly. We have had money donated with the direction of purchasing wine and one year Graham Brannin found someone to donate wine. Everyone received a ticket for the wine, and we had a cash bar. All agreed with the same concept and included in the budget.

Graham Brannin moved to approve the Driller’s agreement and \$700 expense for the ARD celebration. Cindy Spitler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Patton asked about the committee for the banquet. Terrie Hannam said in the past, it has been me, Jill Norman, Lynn Starnes and one year Nadia from ONEOK assisted. Cindy Spitler said Nadia has changed jobs to Williams and we are welcomed to contact her as she might give support from Williams Sustainability Department. Michael Patton suggested including Mike Melega on the committee and having a baseball theme or baseball type gift. He said he could use analogies to do with homerun, strikes, etc.

IX. New Business

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on _____

President

Secretary

