



**Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 8th, 2021 5:00pm
Ron Terry Center, 1st Floor Auditorium**

Mission: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring responsible citizens.

Those in attendance: Keith Blanchard, Gary Moore, Vinson Smith, Rachel Reddin, Mike Keeney, Anne Wulff, Michael Garriga, Tammy LoCascio, Ben Adams, Erin Stone, Will Carter

Meeting called to order by Mike Keeney at 5:02 pm
Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Gary gave the financial report stating that we have 2.4 million in cash in the bank. The Essential worker program help with the loss of individual donations. December is usually a million dollar month with year-end giving so we're looking forward to that. Gary went over the investments and loan payment information.

Keith asked Erin Stone to introduce herself to the group and in turn everyone say there name and where they work. She's lived in Memphis for 7 years. Worked for the Memphis Open Tennis Tournament until it left in 2017 and currently works for the PGA with the FedEx St Jude Invitational. She is the Tournament Director and unhappy that our tennis event is the same weekend as their finals weekend.

Rachel gave her report on the status of upcoming events specifically Steak n Burger. We have a venue and a date and now need a speaker. Chalk art Contest is currently going on with the kids scheduled to draw this coming week. Tennis is well underway and venue space is reserved. Golf is also underway and Coach is all in and excited for this year. Finally, reminded everyone to get their board elements completed. I will be sending out board commitments in October this year so we can attempt to have the committees in place by January 1 going forward.

Vinson gave his report and talked about our Porter Goodwill club has not been allowed to return to Cummings elementary and is currently operating out of the TTC. Craigmont is allowed in the school per their principal but we know SCS is unaware of that.

St Augustine Catholic Church on Kerr Ave is interested in allowing us to use their school facilities that have been vacant since 2018. Still waiting on approval through the Diocese of Memphis. In talks with Hamilton HS to have a Club located in their school. Larry Pennington has asked that we have a Club in Merit Academy in Olive Branch, MS but there are many obstacles in having a club across state lines.

TN Tutoring Corps in currently in the Clubs and we only have 8 college tutors this year vs 21 last year. Vinson stated that last year there were 2 groups using their program and this year it seems like every youth organization in the state is requesting to use them.

Will Carter – President of the Phoenix Club said that COVID was a good reset time for their club. Their goal is to grow membership in 2021. They have several events coming up:

July 23 Summer Party at U Club

September 30 Clay Sporting Event

October 28 Fire Brand event at the Botanic Gardens

December 31 will be combined Fight Night and NYE Party

Will mentioned that several associate members want to join a Club board and will get with Keith on that. Keith also asked if they were willing to volunteer for our upcoming events and he said definitely.

Keith gave his report stating that BGCA is increasing its public/federal funding opportunities. They have a 5 million grant that is divided among 20 BGC's. BGCM is in tier 2. Keith as asked for the reasoning behind that decision but has yet to have an answer. We will get \$75k for two years starting in 2022 for workforce development.

PPG has approached us about a partnership. Keith things Craigmont would be a good fit for that program roll out and career development opportunities.

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Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Garriga, Secretary