

**MINUTES
SAN MARCOS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
GRANT FUNDING COMMITTEE
SAN MARCOS ROOM
1 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
SAN MARCOS, CA 92069**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GRANT FUNDING COMMITTEE
November 12, 2015 – 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER BOARD PRESIDENT LUKOFF called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: LUKOFF, NAJERA, WASCO

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

ALSO PRESENT Recording Secretary Wendy Kaserman, City Staff Michael Gordon, Barry Friedman from T.E.R.I., and Carol Beeson from Kid's College.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **GRANT AWARD HISTORY** Fiscal year 2015-2016
Noted and filed.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **REGULAR GRANT APPLICATION PROPOSALS**

(A) **CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE**

The Committee discussed the request from Canine Companions for Independence for \$5,000 in funding to place one highly-skilled dog with a San Marcos resident. The Committee was concerned that the funding would only benefit one San Marcos resident but acknowledged the high cost of training a dog and the need for funding.

(B) **CHARITY WINGS ART & CRAFT CENTER**

The Committee discussed the request from Charity Wings Art & Craft Center for \$4,902 in funding to cover expenses related to the opening of their new location, as well as 20% of the salary for their part-time Class and Volunteer Coordinator. Due to a lack of available funds, the Committee discussed giving funding for gallery hanging equipment, since it was the most pressing need.

(C) **FOUNDATION FOR ANIMAL CARE & EDUCATION (FACE)**

The Committee discussed the request from Foundation for Animal Care & Education (FACE) for \$3,000 in funding to provide financial assistance to families with pets requiring emergency veterinary care through their Save-A-Life Program. The Committee felt this request did not meet the criterion for funding at this time.

(D) INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

The Committee discussed the request from Interfaith Community Services, Inc., for funding in the amount of \$10,000 to support their overall personnel costs associated with operating the Senior Services Program. The Committee considered the fact that this organization has received funding on multiple occasions from the Foundation. Due to limited resources available for grant making and the other grant requests received, the committee may not recommend funding of this application.

(E) KID'S COLLEGE

The Committee discussed the request from Kid's College for funding in the amount of \$10,000 to sustain and grow their "Fortissimo" Orchestra Program at Joli Ann Leichtag Elementary School (SMUSD). CAROL BEESON with Kid's College thanked the Committee for consideration of the grant and said that without the Committee's previous support, the program would not have gotten off the ground. She offered to have the children perform for the Committee, but the Committee agreed a better use of their time would be to perform for the Senior Activity Center and they could invite the Committee members.

(F) MEALS-ON-WHEELS GREATER SAN DIEGO, INC.

The Committee discussed the request from Meals-on-Wheels Greater San Diego, Inc. for funding in the amount of \$8,000 to help subsidize the cost of rent at its North County Service Center in San Marcos. The Committee agreed that the program is worthy, but may only be able to provide it with a much small amount than requested.

(G) OCEANSIDE MUSEUM OF ART (OMA)

The Committee discussed the request from Oceanside Museum of Art (OMA) for funding in the amount of \$8,680 for their Art Quest program which increases exposure to the arts in a museum setting for Title I San Marcos students. The Committee decided that this request did not meet the criterion for funding at this time.

(H) T.E.R.I INC.

The Committee discussed the request from T.E.R.I. Inc. for funding in the amount of \$7,560 to purchase signage for T.E.R.I vans that transport clients through the community. BARRY FRIEDMAN, Director of Philanthropy at T.E.R.I. spoke on behalf of the organization. He said that because of the many other worthy applications this quarter, he requested to withdraw the request from T.E.R.I. He said that T.E.R.I. may submit another request for a different program in the future. BOARD CHAIR LUKOFF thanked MR. FRIEDMAN for his understanding of the lack of grant funds, but noted that T.E.R.I. has received grant funding in the past from the Committee.

BOARD MEMBER NAJERA MOTIONED TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING GRANT AMOUNTS TO THE FULL FOUNDATION BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AT ITS NEXT MEETING: \$2,500 TO CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE, \$2,500 TO CHARITY WINGS ART & CRAFT CENTER, \$0 TO FOUNDATION FOR ANIMAL CARE AND EDUCATION, \$0 TO INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES, \$2,500 TO KID'S COLLEGE, \$1,000 TO MEALS-ON-WHEELS, \$0 TO THE OCEANSIDE MUSEUM OF ART, AND \$0 TO T.E.R.I. SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER WASCO. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

AYES: LUKOFF, NAJERA, WASCO
NOES: NONE
ABSTENTION: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

3. MINI-GRANT APPLICATION PROPOSALS

A. KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN MARCOS FOUNDATION

The Committee discussed the request from the Kiwanis Club for for \$1,500 in funding to support the annual San Marcos Holiday Parade. Due to the limited funds available, the Committee decided to award a smaller amount.

BOARD MEMBER NAJERA MOTIONED TO AWARD THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN MARCOS FOUNDATION \$500 FOR ITS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARADE. SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER WASCO. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

AYES: LUKOFF, NAJERA, WASCO
NOES: NONE
ABSTENTION: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

B. MIRACLE BABIES

The Committee discussed the request from Miracle Babies for \$1,500 in funding to be used toward care packages for parents of critically ill newborns admitted to the Tri-City Hospital and Palomar Hospital neonatal intensive care units in North County. The Committee felt this request did not meet the funding criterion at this time.

BOARD MEMBER NAJERA MOTIONED TO AWARD MIRACLE BABIES \$0. SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER WASCO. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

AYES: LUKOFF, NAJERA, WASCO
NOES: NONE
ABSTENTION: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

C. TOYS FOR JOY / ROCK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Committee discussed the request from Toys for Joy / Rock Charitable Foundation for funding in the amount of \$1,500 to help with the purchase of groceries for underprivileged families during the holidays. The Committee felt this request did not meet the funding criterion at this time.

BOARD MEMBER WASCO MOTIONED TO AWARD TOYS FOR JOY / ROCK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION \$0. SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER NAJERA. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

AYES: LUKOFF, NAJERA, WASCO
NOES: NONE
ABSTENTION: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

D. WORDS ALIVE

The Committee discussed the request from Words Alive for \$1,500 in funding for their Adolescent Book Group program's San Marcos locations serving underserved and at risk teens. The Committee discussed the needs from this demographic and agreed it was a worthy cause.

BOARD MEMBER NAJERA MOTIONED TO AWARD WORDS ALIVE \$500 FOR ITS ADOLESCENT BOOK GROUP PROGRAM'S SAN MARCOS LOCATIONS. SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER WASCO. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

AYES: LUKOFF, NAJERA, WASCO
NOES: NONE
ABSTENTION: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTIONED BY BOARD MEMBER WASCO AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER NAJERA TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

AYES: LUKOFF, NAJERA, WASCO
NOES: NONE
ABSTENTION: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

4. **WAIVER OF TEXT** – Waived.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approved - SMCF Grant Funding Committee Meeting minutes of October 14, 2015.
6. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** - No members of the public requested to speak.

ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

7. **NEXT MEETING DATE** – The next meeting of the SMCF Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2015. The next meeting of the Grant Funding Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2016.
8. **MISCELLANEOUS**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTIONED BY BOARD MEMBER NAJERA AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER WASCO TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Colleen Lukoff, Board President

ATTEST:

Wendy Kaserman, Recording Secretary