

## **Minnreg 2022 Board Meeting Minutes December 14, 2022**

Five (5) 2022 **Board members** were in attendance: John Bowers (Chairman), Tom Conner, Thom Dupper, Terry Miller, and Al Shields.

Three (4) 2022 **Advisory Board** members in attendance: Joe Abrahamson, Dan Bordeaux, Jerry Dangler; and John Voissem.

**Also in attendance:** Betty Held (Treasurer), Tony Kowalski (GTE Financials), Vivian O'Dell (Recording Secretary), Gerry Sturm (Member), and Loni Wellington (Incoming Treasurer).

The board meeting was called to order at 5:28 pm by Minnreg Board Chairman, John Bowers.

### **Minutes of Previous Board Meeting**

The minutes for the Board meeting held on October 19, 2022 were emailed electronically on November 15, 2022 by Minnreg Recording Secretary, Vivian O'Dell. **Terry Miller moved to accept the October Board Meeting minutes and Thom Dupper seconded. All approved.**

Chairman, John Bower introduced Tony Kowalski for an overview of our investments. Market is volatile, but rate increased by ½%. Lots of discussion, and questions were answered and discussed.

**Financial Report** – Thom Dupper and Tom Conner said we are close to the ability to produce a monthly report ourselves. Betty Held said we need to include income in the categories of membership, guest fees and event income.

John Bowers said our goal is to develop a package, in-house, to replace the need for an outside bookkeeper, but we still need to keep the accountant for CPA, IRS and tax forms. Betty Held mentioned that in 2020, the IRS erased the penalty per a letter she received.

We are using the JotForm system and are resolving issues as they arise. Officers and Staff will report at our meetings so we can follow for several months until issues are resolved.

Thom asked that we recognize Tom Conner for stepping up to help with the transition to our new system and training of our new treasurer, Loni Wellington.

Gerry Sturm brought up a problem she encountered when planning the MVA attending the Rays game last August. No one with a debit card offered to help with the payment for this event.

### **New Business**

- We need to elect a Board Chairman for 2023. **Terry Miller nominated John Bowers, Thom Dupper seconded the nomination and all approved.**

### **Action Register**

- 1) Thom Dupper has agreed to work with Pinellas Education Foundation to retrieve the remaining funds we donated to Tyrone Middle School that have not been used.

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Gerry Sturm suggested we give the Foundation the option to give the money to a school that can afford to purchase what they need and be reimbursed by the Foundation.

Tyrone is the poorest middle school in Pinellas County which is why we donated to them. Unfortunately, it is not legal to donate directly to a public school, which is why it went to the Foundation.

Joe Abrahamson suggested that MVA purchase something for Tyrone Middle School and then have the Foundation reimburse MVA.

Thom will continue to work on this issue.

**For the Good of the Board** – Dan Bordeaux has received inquiries from MVA members regarding the donation of \$10,000 Scholarships to one student. Why not give a smaller amount to each student and include more students?

Explanation for the above: The \$10,000 is spread across 4 students at \$2,500 per school year for 4 years.

**Next Board meeting will be February 8, 2023 at 5:30 pm, at Minnregs Office.**

**Adjourn** – Thom Dupper moved to adjourn the meeting and Betty Held seconded. John Bowers called the meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian O'Dell, Minnregs Recording Secretary