



Worthington Country Club Charitable Foundation Meeting Minutes February 19, 2025

Opening

- Meeting in the Stafford-Dorsett Room of the Activity Center (and on Zoom) was called to order by President, Gayle Landen Greene, at 11:01 a.m. EST.

Present (Quorum Established)

- Foundation Directors: Suzie Crews, Gayle Landen Greene, Diana Mayette, Amy Newell, Joanne Riccardi, Coral Rice, Bryant Walker, Judy Williams Morrow
- General Manager Carol Ann Carney

Absent

- Tom Lebretoire, Carolyn Luomala

Guests

- Sharon Ripplinger, Doug Zinno

Meeting Notice

- Notice of the meeting was sent in advance (posted on the website and bulletin board).

Approval of Agenda

- A motion by Bryant and Suzie to approve the February 19, 2025, agenda (with adjusted Chair comments) carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion by Joanne Riccardi and second by Amy Newell to approve the January 8, 2025, minutes carried unanimously.

Chairman's Comments

- Our 1099 was filed for Bingo using Tax Bandits (a single individual won funds of \$1,093). We must file a 990 for 2024 by May 15 but can't do it until we have confirmation of instructions for filing (gross receipts of \$60K per year for first two years).
- Flor asked that we place an article in the Spring newsletter (must be submitted by Monday, February 24). Gayle and Judy will draft the article, and board members will be asked for review before submission.
- Gayle received a letter of resignation from Carolyn Luomala which she accepted. This allows us to vote on a new board member, Sharon Ripplinger. Gayle thanked Sharon again for her immense contribution to the Folds of Honor Golf Tournament. Sharon introduced the idea of selling golf towels and contributed numerous hours and talent to embroider them. The tournament sold \$1,840 in golf towels. A motion by Coral Rice and second by Judy Williams Morrow to approve Sharon as a board member carried unanimously.



- Gayle asked Head Pro, Matt Oakley, for 2025 event dates. Gayle clarified that money receipts for FOH (or similar tournament) must go to the Administration Building. Coral reiterated the need for better processes for event receipts, categorization and deposit-making. The Closing Couples Mixer for 2025 will be to raise money for FGCU.

Financial (Treasurer's) Report—Judy Williams Morrow

NOTED CHANGE: Café of Life donation was revised from \$1656 to \$1136 due to a counting issue.

PNC Bank: Balance as of 2/18/2025 is \$10,494.60

Available Foundation Funds: \$6,879.60 (the bank balance \$10,494.60 plus \$250 QoH kitty minus QoH jackpot of \$3,865 as of 2/18/25).

WCCCF: Beginning in March, we will receive \$200 from monthly donations with the addition of Amy Newell's \$50 monthly donation. Others include: Luomala, \$100, Graham, \$25, Symkowski, \$25.

Bingo: 50/50. Total deposit in January is \$720. YTD deposit is \$1860 less Jackpot of \$880. Deduction of \$18 for a strap. NOTE: Bingo results should show gross less winnings and reserves going forward.

Expenses: FOH \$0

Q of H: \$1,140. deposited in January. \$670 deposited in February. Total YTD is \$1,810. This includes two \$50 winners in January and February.

\$50 (drawing winner Larry Kuperus). Prize money is \$3895 + ½ of ticket sales until drawing on 2/28.

School: \$0

Total Deposit for January: \$720 **YTD Deposit:** 3895.00 (Held for Q of H Prize money)

Other Income: \$0

Submitted by: Judy Williams Morrow

Old Business

- **Transition to Diana for Financial Responsibilities**—Huge thanks to Diana Mayette for putting 2023, 2024 and 2025 financial data, including P&L statement, into QuickBooks and for determining good financial protocol. Diana noted that she strived to put things into an easy-to-read format. Bryant, Amy and Diana will determine the best means for putting the condensed (accrual) version on the website.
- **Folds of Honor**—Final donation for 2024 was \$65,400. Coral provided an update on committee structure for the 2025 tournament which will be held November 10, 2025.



- **Website**—Amy would like to get a notice about the new website out as soon as possible. She reiterated that members need to hear from the Foundation consistently and repeatedly. In March, she would like to go out with a notice of new board members. We should also let people know about community events. Amy also reported that she is working with Carol Ann Carney to put a blurb about the Foundation in new member orientation packets.
- **Queen of Hearts**—Amy and Suzie will take Queen of Hearts off Gayle's plate. We discussed moving to a drawing every Friday, and the consensus is that we should. A motion by Judy Williams Morrow and second by Amy Newell to hold a weekly drawing if there is no QofH winner on 2/28 carried unanimously after discussion whether we should raise the minimum win to \$50 each week. Here is the schedule for selling in February and March:
 - Coral 2/19 12:00 to 1:30
 - Gayle and Suzie 2/21 4:30 to 6:30
 - Coral 2/26 12:00 to 1:30
 - Suzie and Judy 2/28 4:30 to 6:30 (drawing)
 - 3/5 Amy 12:15 to 1:30
 - 3/7 Coral and Sharon 4:30 to 6:30
 - 3/12 Coral 12:15 to 1:30
 - 3/14 Sharon and Diana 4:30 to 6:30 (drawing)
 - 3/19 Amy 12:15 to 1:30
 - 3/21 Suzie and Gayle 4:30 to 6:30
 - 3/26 Diana 12:15 to 1:30
 - 3/28 Sharon and Gayle 4:30 to 6:30
- **Volunteering with Bonita Springs Elementary School**—Suzie reminded board members about the opportunity for a variety of volunteer opportunities, including the book fair. If people are interested, they may contact Estela at Estelas@leeschools.net.
- **Folds of Honor**—Judy reported on the PGA Conference (only for golf professionals) and the presentation of the FOH check. She shared it was well-organized, professional, innovative and fun. Foundation board members' attendance was "on their own dimes" (i.e., no cost to the Foundation) as Matt provided the tickets and board members who attended (Gayle/Paul Greene, Judy/Bob Morrow) paid for their own transportation and lodging. Judy was able to talk with a number of golf professionals and get an autograph for her granddaughter. The FOH booth was full of pride, and the large-sized checks attracted a number of observers for the presentation. Jessica was very excited about the amount of the check and its ability to provide 13 scholarships.

New Business

- **Changes to Bylaws**—Gayles asked all board members to review the bylaws and come to the next meeting with any suggested changes. Coral will send the Foundation's bylaws as well as Copperleaf's to board members.

**Next Meeting**

- Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 9:00 p.m. EST in the Dorset-Stafford Room plus Zoom. Annual meeting will be at 11:00 on the same day. Committee reports will be delivered at this meeting.

Adjournment

- A motion by Bryant Walker and second by Amy Newell to adjourn carried unanimously at 12:11 p.m. EST.

Q&A

- Doug asked about committee members for 2025 FOH. He also offered to note in his newsletter a request for monthly donations.

Minutes submitted by Coral Rice