



Worthington Country Club Charitable Foundation Meeting Minutes March 12, 2025

Opening

- Meeting in the Somerset Room (and on Zoom) was called to order by President, Gayle Landen Greene, at 9:30 a.m. EDST.

Present (Quorum Established)

- Foundation Directors: Suzie Crews, Gayle Landen Greene, Diana Mayette (Zoom), Amy Newell, Joanne Riccardi, Coral Rice, Sharon Ripplinger, Judy Williams Morrow

Absent

- Bryant Walker

Guests

- Matt Oakley, Head Golf Pro

Meeting Notice

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

Approval of Agenda

- A motion by Amy Newell and second by Suzie Crews to approve the March 12, 2025, agenda as amended (Matt Oakley first on the agenda) carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion by Amy Newell and second by Judy Williams to approve the February 19, 2025, minutes (as amended during today's meeting) carried unanimously. Coral will resend final draft to Committee Members.

Chairman's Comments

- Gayle invited Head Pro, Matt Oakley, to provide an update on upcoming events. Per Matt, the value the WCCCF creates in the community is incredibly significant. He reported that the Couples Closing Mixer will support Eagles FORE FGCU and is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2025 with an 8:15 shotgun start followed by lunch. Students and their sponsors will be in attendance. Matt requested that we strive to let them know the estimated value of the check we will donate and asked us to consider an increase. He also asked that we **provide him with ideas for increasing donations** this year. So that we can inform WCC members who, in some cases, have not been fully supportive of Eagles FORE FGCU, Matt shared the purpose of the program. Students receive a B.S. in hospitality and all PGA training, including three internships. Donations also support scholarships for students in need. Kyle, Fed and Jack graduated from this program, and Matt shared we get the best of the best because of our support of the



program. He further shared that the PGA Mentor Program, student conference travel, lab space upgrades, and scholarships are not funded by FGCU which is why they look for outside funding.

- Matt also provided an update on Folds of Honor. He reached out to the Bonita Springs High School Color Guard, 2024's anthem singer and FOH for a speaker. The Color Guard confirmed, and he is waiting on others. Coral reported that Matt, Coral and Gayle had a conference call with our new contact (Michelle) at FOH. Coral is updating 2024 documents with 2025 dates and will send to Michelle so she can get a better handle on our event. Michelle will provide us with marketing ideas and ways to increase our donations (we believe the \$65K we raised last year serves as a "soft cap" we can continue to expect from WCC participants). She also shared information about a team associated with FOH that can coordinate and manage the auction for us. Amy and Coral will draft a communication to the community letting WCC members know we are looking for volunteers and anyone who is interested can attend an upcoming meeting. Coral will work with Matt to determine potential dates for the meeting so it can be included in the communication.

Financial (Treasurer's) Report—Judy Williams Morrow and Diana Mayette (Updated on 3/18/2025)

PNC Bank: Balance as of 2/8/2025 \$12,519.58

Available Foundation Funds: \$7,764.58

WCC CF Balance Includes recent deposits from

Bingo (50/50): \$246 deposited 3/4/25. Total YTD: \$688

Q of H: \$760 deposited 3/8/25. Total YTD: \$3,740. Two \$50 winners—Larry Kuperas on 2/26 and John Wood on 3/7. Total held for QoH prize money: \$4,755

Other Income: \$500 Board members and recurring donation (Jan) We have not received Feb from WCC.

Note: \$991 is set aside for rollover bingo. Kept in PNC safe deposit box

Submitted by:

Judy Williams Morrow with Diana Mayette

Duties of the Treasurer and Bookkeeper

Diana and Judy worked on a draft document explaining the separation of duties/responsibilities for the treasurer and the bookkeeper. Diana explained that she should **monitor** incoming and outgoing funds but NOT have access to them. She should receive all backup documentation to account for every transaction. Board members discussed the document and provided suggested changes. Judy will redistribute the document for further consideration, noting the changes.



Old Business

- **Bingo**—Gayle introduced a draft of bingo procedures (which has been reviewed by the bingo team). After Board discussion, Gayle will make changes for forwarding to the bingo team.
- **Event Liability Insurance**—The board is awaiting a response from Liz Rivero for an updated premium amount.
- **Website**—Amy provided an update on the Facebook page. She wants to announce new board members and titles and will provide a draft to Coral for review and edits.
- **Bonita Springs Elementary School**—Suzie provided an update on the book fair and indicated WCC members interested in volunteer activities should direct inquiries/offers to Estela Sandoval at Estela@leeschools.net.
- **Queen of Hearts**—Board members discussed procedures and where tickets and other items will be stored. Amy offered to store ticket envelopes and other items at her home. Here is the schedule for selling for the remainder of March and early April:
 - 3/12 Coral 12:15 to 1:30
 - 3/14 Sharon and Suzie 4:30 to 6:30 (drawing)
 - 3/19 Amy 12:15 to 1:30
 - 3/21 Diana 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
 - 4/2 Gayle 12:15 to 1:30
 - 4/4 Gayle and Amy 4:30 to 6:30
 - 4/9 Coral 12:15 to 1:30
 - 4/11 Sharon and Suzie 4:30 to 6:30

New Business

- **Changes to Bylaws**—Gayle asked all board members to review the bylaws and come to this meeting with any suggested changes. Discussion is deferred until next meeting.

Next Meeting

- Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 9:00 p.m. EST in the Somerset Room plus Zoom.

Adjournment

- A motion by Amy Newell and second by Suzie Crews to adjourn carried unanimously at 11:19 a.m. EDT.

Q&A

- None

Minutes submitted by Coral Rice