

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – APA Conference Room – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

- 1) **Meeting Called to Order – Chair Gena Curtis Presiding**
- 2) **Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum** - *As per Article III, Section 8 of the Austin Cops for Charities bylaws, at any meeting of the Austin Cops for Charities Board of Trustees, a quorum shall require three of the seven board members present. There were six board members present and one board member absent therefore a quorum was present at this meeting*
- 3) **Approval of Minutes**
April 13th, 2015 Monthly Austin Cops for Charities Board Meeting Minutes
Val Escobar moved to accept the March 10th, 2015 minutes as presented. A second came from Johnny Washington. Motion was voted on, and passed.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report**
 - a) Austin C4C YTD Financial Reports were reported to the C4C Board by Treasurer Val Escobar.
- 5) **Discussion and/or Approval**
 - a) APD District Representative Phil Contatore presented a request for financial support of the P.A.L. youth soccer program on behalf of Officer Paula Aguilar, who could not attend this meeting. The program has continued to grow each year and, this year, they expect to provide for 500 children. While the program currently has sufficient equipment on hand, they need uniforms and other annual items for this year that cost \$3700.00. The APD Police Women's Association has already donated \$500.00 toward the amount. Officer Contatore requested C4C assistance with part, or all of the \$3200.00 balance. Lt. Gena Curtis inquired on two additional points:
 1. Is there a need for additional financial support for equipment and future costs that a \$5000.00 pledge could cover; and
 2. With current and future C4C financial support, the prospect of including the C4C logo on uniforms and publications.Officer Contatore advised the program could certainly benefit from the additional financial support above the \$3200.00 request. He also said they can include the C4C logo on the uniform shirts, adding that this had been done in the past and, if they did so again this year, it most likely would not increase the (screen printing) costs.
 - Val Escobar moved to accept the C4C pledge to donate \$5000.00 to the P.A.L. Soccer program
 - A second came from Hank Aguilar
 - The motion was voted on, and passed
 - b) Members of the Office of the Community Liaison, thereafter referred to as OCL, attended this meeting to request C4C financial support for their "Bark-B-Q" public awareness and family-oriented, pet-friendly fundraising event planned for May 9th, 2015, where they intend to educate attendees about police interaction with citizen's dogs, which has sometimes resulted in unfortunate situations where police have had to shoot the dog. Detective Mike Sheffield (retired) presented the request for \$2500.00 of C4C financial support to print T-Shirts, purchasing trophies, golf cart rental, food and drinks, and educational brochures encouraging responsible dog ownership and precautions. Though admission is free, they intend to charge for contest entry and food and drinks. Their goal is to raise additional money for summer events that include:
 1. The 2015 Faith-based Conference; and
 2. L.I.N.K.S. child-focused program to prepare middle school and high school aged children to explore options for attending college, enter the military, or join law enforcement.
 3. July Car Show
 - Val Escobar moved to accept the C4C pledge to donate \$2500.00 to the OCL for their Bark-B-Q event
 - A second came from Kelly Davenport
 - The motion was voted on, and passed

- c) Officer Jamie Harvel, who recently consulted with APA President Craig Casaday about continuing financial difficulties related to a serious motor cycle accident several years ago, was at the APA Hall for other business when this C4C meeting came to order. Craig suggested he speak to the board about his situation since he was there. Jamie Harvel explained the challenges with his injury and financial strains it caused as responsibility for medical expenses continues to hang in limbo between his city insurance and State Worker Compensation claims that were initially provided, but later denied. Jamie Harvel still owes \$5400.00 on a medical bill that went to a collection agency due to an administrative error on his part. Lt. Curtis asked Officer Harvel to consult with APA Board Member Andrew Romero about working with the collection agency on reducing the amount owed. Once a reduced financial agreement is reached, she asked that he return with the new bill that reflects the reduced amount.
- d) Val Escobar recommended that the Ainsley Pircher fundraising drive officially end. Ending the fundraising drive will not end the donations that will continue to come in, it simply closes the initial fundraising initiative special account so that a check for the current amount can be presented to the family by C4C. Ainsley is due for a significant surgery in the near future and the family will need the bulk sum to help cover all related costs. Continued donations will still be received and provided to the family periodically. The Pircher account currently sits at \$22,271.55. Val advised there is about \$300.00 more that needs to be posted to this account. She recommended that C4C contribute additional money after the \$300.00 +/- is posted so that the final amount is \$23,000.00. Presenting a check that reflects an even number amount has a positive impact.
 - Val Escobar moved to close the Pircher Fund and for a C4C pledge to donate the amount necessary to bring the final amount to \$23,000.00
 - A second came from Johnny Washington
 - The motion was voted on, and passed

6) **Old/New Business**

a) **New Business Discussed**

- 1) In the past, C4C has allocated the amount necessary to update the C4C website. Will do so again. It has already been updated to reflect the June Golf Tournament.
- 2) C4C discussed risk of continued use of Jaime Padron's name and photo to promote fundraising. Hank Aguilar is close to the family and believes Amy has no issues with continued use and, in fact, encourages people to use them to help others in several ways.

b) **Old Business Discussed**

- 1) 2015 Austin C4C Jaime Padron Golf Tournament: Johnny Washington suggested that there be a separate meeting for those who plan to volunteer or assist with the tournament. Board members may also attend.

c) **Interim Business Discussed and/or Approved via email**

1. March 11th email from Val Escobar: Val Escobar completed all required documentation and applications for Austin Cops for Charities to be included in the upcoming 2015 Combined Charities campaigns in both Travis County, the City of Austin and statewide SECC campaign areas. This creates opportunities to attract additional donors in 2015.
2. March 13th email from Gena Curtis: **The APA has asked C4C to split the purchase of a \$1000.00 sponsorship for the 8th Annual San Jacinto Night Celebration on April 11, 2015 benefitting the Austin Fire Museum.**
 - Gena Curtis moved to accept the C4C pledge to donate \$500.00 toward the \$1000.00 sponsorship
 - A second came from Hank Aguilar via email
3. April 17th email from Gena Curtis: African American Youth Harvest Foundation seeking donations to send 16 students and chaperones to Cannes Film Festival in France, May 12-19, 2015, for the showcasing of their short film Krew 12's "Lip Service." The C4C board discussed via email the on-going partnership that has been built with AAYHF over the past few years and what a great opportunity this endeavor is for the children. Val Escobar stated that she would like to see C4C donate \$1500.00 to this endeavor and reserve other funds for additional AAYHF summer programs where a greater number of children will be positively impacted.
 - Johnny Washington made a motion to donate \$1500.00
 - A second came from Brent Kelly
 - The following C4C board members voted yes: Hank Aguilar, Gena Curtis and Lee Leffingwell

Austin Cops for Charities Board of Trustees Roster

1	Gena Curtis	Chairman	Present
3	Kelly Davenport	Recorder	Present
4	Valencia Escobar	Treasurer	Present
5	Brent Kelly	Board Member	Present
6	Johnny Washington	Board Member	Present
7.	Hank Aguilar	Board Member	Present
8.	Lee Leffingwell,	Board Member	Absent

Other guest(s) in attendance:

1. Officer Phil Contatore on behalf of PAL Soccer Program
2. Detective Mike Sheffield (retired) on behalf of OCL (with Susan Mather and Yolanda LNU)
3. Officer Jamie Harvel on behalf of himself (with Craig Casaday, APA President)

*Next Austin Cops for Charities Monthly Board Meeting is May 12, 2015