**RIO LINDA ELVERTA FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE**

**810 Oak Lane, Rio Linda, California 95673**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, January 6, 2025**

**Call to Order**

President Lisa L. Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Officer’s Wayne Del Nero, Troy Golden, Charlea Moore, and Deanna Read were present. Staff Members present included Executive Director Mike Heller. Guests present was Roger Mitchell representing the Fire Restoration Project. This meeting was also conducted on Zoom Communication.

**Public Comment**

There were no Public Comments for this meeting.

**General Business**

1. Approve Minutes from the September 16th regular meeting.
   * There were no questions or comments on the Minutes.

**Motion by Officer Moore and Officer Golden seconded the motion to approve the Minutes from September 16th. Motion passed 4-0 with one abstention (Read).**

1. Review Financials of 2024 Year end.
   * The item was introduced by Executive Director Heller who explained that there were 14 total pages. Three overview pages with 11 additional pages for each arm of the Foundation. The current to date balance is $94,199.64.
   * Director Moore requested that the AquaKnights be listed in the page header for the Sponsorship page of the financials.
   * Director Moore requested some clarification on the Fundraising Dinner for Engine #2. There are some line items that were combined as payments were made at the same time. The Executive Director stated that he will correct this and issue an update with the fundraising dinner expenses and revenues clarified.
   * There were no additional questions or comments on the Foundation Financials
2. Discussion – Winn Foundation Gift
   * Executive Director Heller introduced this item and reminded the Board that the Winn Foundation has been providing a community donation for their work in the Rio Linda and Elverta Communities. On December 21, 2024 they presented the Foundation with a $15,000.00 check for programming purposes. A suggestion from the Executive Director for disbursement of the funds was:

Engine #2 $5,000.00

Senior Services/Programs $2,500.00

Youth Programs $2,500.00

Dog Park Amenities $2,000.00

General Fund/Special Projects $2,000.00

RLE AquaKnights $1,000.00

* After discussion, the Board made the following suggestions, which included a higher focus on the Dog Park and Special Projects in general District programs.

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* During the discussion there was some back and forth regarding the upcoming Polar Plunge which is the first fundraiser of the year for the AquaKnights Swim Team. Director’s Del Nero and Moore each pledged $100.00 to the Swim Team if Director Del Nero and Executive Director Heller took the plunge. Also, Executive Director Heller pledged $200.00 to the Engine #2 project if Restoration Crew Leader Roger Mitchell took the plunge.

**Motion by Officer Moore and Officer Golden seconded the motion to approve the disbursement of the Winn Foundation gift as suggested at the Foundation Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.**

1. Discussion – AquaKnights Swim Program
   * Executive Director Heller introduced this item and provided an update on the AquaKnights Swim Team. The season finished with 137 swimmers and the Parent’s Committee has begun to meet to plan for 2025. Their first major event will be the Polar Plunge to take place on January 18th at the High School pool.
   * Director Moore stated that she is encouraged by the recreational component to the team.
2. Discussion – Fire Engine/Firehouse Update
   * This item was introduced by Executive Director Heller who gave a brief update on the project and turned the conversation over to Roger Mitchell who has been volunteering on the restoration crew.
   * Mr. Mitchell reported that the cowl is not fully completed but can be placed on the body of the truck with temporary bolts. He is currently finalizing machine work for the bell mount and siren mount. He also reported that engine work would begin soon. The master mechanic that had agreed to do the work passed during the COVID pandemic and the backup mechanic has moved out of state. This may need to be jobbed out. Mr. Mitchell did report that the transmission, drive lines, clutch, and fuel pump have all been completed. Once the cowl is temporarily installed the engine work will commence.
   * The success of the fundraising dinner was also discussed, and the Board did comment that if a new location was secured, that they would work on the marketing of the event as well as the sale of tickets. Prep assistance will also be arranged.
3. Discussion – Update on Foundation Programs
   * Executive Director Heller introduced this item and informed the Board that the Foundation continues to be active. The RLE Foundation has a balance of over $84,000.00 currently.
   * Updates include the upcoming Special Events hosted by the District as well as the kickoff for the upcoming Swim Season.

**Items not on the Agenda**

**Future Agenda Items**

* Director Golden requested that the fundraising dinner remain on the agenda for planning and logistical purposes (marketing and promotion).

**Adjournment**

President Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:09pm. The next meeting of the RLE Foundation for the Future Board will take place on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 6:00pm.