

**FRIENDS OF CAMP CHRISTOPHER**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
November 12, 2022 @ Camp

**ATTENDANCE:** Jerry Antonucci, Larry Furman, Kitt Kurtz, Michele Dolensky, Irene Lawrence, Margie Sovacool, Olivia Mackey, Michele Dolensky

Virtual Attendees: Kathy Cable, Bernadette Sovacool, Dick Champion

**CONFIRMED ABSENCES:** Mary Truax, Kathy Prochnow, Patti Longville, Tim Lilley, Phyllis Richardson, Sally Antonucci.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Jerry Antonucci called the meeting to order.

**PRAYER:** Larry Furman led attendees in prayer

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Board members reviewed minutes from Nov. 5th meeting. Motion to approve was made by Chris Miller. Motion to second was made by Margie Sovacool. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jerry Antonucci  
Jerry asked members to keep Barb Hertrick's health in prayer.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Treasurer's Report:** Larry Furman

Larry submitted Treasurer's Reports for the following: the months of July, August and September, the third quarter and the first three quarters of 2022. Through the first nine months, revenues were \$19,851.11 and expenses were \$10,812.26, resulting in a net gain of \$9038.85, and a third quarter balance of \$39,893.60. The restricted campership fund is \$ 11,408.30 as of 9/30/2022. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Chris Miller. Motion to second was made by Margie Sovacool. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Ways & Means Committee**

Chris Miller clarified dates and locations for the Dining for Dollars program. Michelle Dolensky will email fliers with the code to members. Chris will send a flier and code to Tim Lilley to post on the FoCC web site. Jerry suggested posting the Dining for Dollars events in church bulletins. Chris will look into contacting churches to get the events included in bulletins.

#### **Finance Committee**

Budget for 2023 was presented. Motion to approve the 2023 Budget was made by Margie. Motion to second was made by Irene. Motion carried.

#### **Fall Festival Update**

Olivia reported that the Fall Festival was a great success and thanked all the volunteers who contributed. Merchandise sales for the Fall Festival totaled \$446.00.

#### **Financial Stewardship**

Jerry reported on Akron Community Foundation's programs that would benefit FoCC: investment possibilities, resources, Board training, best practices, fundraising ideas, endowed gifts, grant writing, and networking. He shared that the Board agreed to pursue working with ACF. He called for questions and concerns. Irene asked about fees and buy-in. Jerry explained that the rate of return would be 7-8% after ACF membership fees. Jerry noted the benefits of 3rd party management with investment expertise. The long-term goal of partnering with ACF is so that FoCC investments outlive the current FoCC Board. Jerry asked for input from general members on ACF. Dick Champion, Kathy Cable, and Bernadette Sovacool were all in favor of moving forward with ACF. Chris Miller suggested an initial investment of \$20,000. Patty asked for clarification as to whether FoCC would wait until after the February Board meeting to proceed with ACF. Larry suggested the actual amount of an initial investment should be determined at the February meeting of the Board. Jerry asked for a motion to proceed with ACF. Chris Miller made a motion to proceed with ACF. Larry seconded the motion. Irene opposed the motion based on previous personal experiences with ACF. All others approved. The motion carried.

### **Discussion Regarding Camperships**

Irene suggested that FoCC give out \$5,000 in annual campership as per the original mission of FoCC. Olivia will investigate how many Catholic Charities camperships are awarded from FoCC annual campership donations of \$15,000. Olivia will also investigate establishing a process for FoCC to award camperships independently from Catholic Charities. Chris Miller asked about liabilities of FoCC giving scholarships separately from Catholic Charities. Irene expressed the need for assurance that FoCC donors' funds go to camperships. Michele suggested providing a graph for members to show where FoCC funds are spent. Jerry suggested Irene formulate a proposal regarding FoCC giving out \$5,000 in camperships independently from Catholic Charities.

### **New Business**

Jerry announced that Michele Dolensky will take over as Board Secretary.

A formal FoCC Mission Statement will be emailed in the coming months for review by members and a final draft prepared for 2023.

The need for liability insurance for the FoCC Board was discussed. Jerry asked for suggestions for insurance agents. Kathy Cable suggested contacting Jim Conlon. Jeff Hupp, a former counselor, was also suggested.

Jerry provided an address for Dave Ziga so that FoCC members could send cards to express appreciation for Dave's more than 50 years of service to camp.

Jerry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Margie made the motion. The motion was seconded by Chris Miller. The motion carried.

The next FoCC Board meeting will be held on February 25, 2023.