

**Children's Services Council**  
**Minutes**  
**April 14, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Chairperson, Ken Kenworthy. Also present were Pat McCoy, Melisa Jahner, Amanda Reidel and Cathleen Blair, and Bob McPartlan via ZOOM. Ken Kenworthy asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Cathleen Blair asked that 6a be added-Okeechobee Volleyball Academy request and 6 b-Okeechobee Rodeo request. She also asked that 7a - Area Agency on Aging-Budget amendment be added. Pat McCoy made motion, Melisa Jahner seconded, all agreed.

The minutes of February 10, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Bob McPartlan made a motion to approve, Melisa Jahner seconded, all approved.

Cathleen Blair reviewed the Financial Statement ending February 28, 2022. The Council is \$30,000 short of what they have budgeted and will not make the \$5,000 budgeted for interest. She indicated that we would have no trouble making the \$30,000 by Fiscal year end. In review of agencies requesting their funds, she did call the Early Learning Coalition as they had not requested any funds. The ELC indicated that they will not need our funds due to the increase they received from State and Federal dollars for the COVID 19 crisis in childcare. Pat McCoy made a motion to accept the financial statement, Bob McPartlan seconded. All approved.

Cathleen Blair presented the summer programs as recommended from the review committee of Amanda Reidel, Heather Hancock and Cathleen Blair.

- Boxfit-a new program, serve 35 children in June and July- recommendation-\$6,372.00
- Chobee Nation-Basketball-Serve 200-300 children. Cathleen Blair Read a letter from Demetre. Riles and was told by a school employee he was allowed to volunteer and coach (which was not the case). Amanda Reidel suggested that the application be resubmitted without his name, Melisa Jahner agreed and that we should table the recommendation until we get the new application. Amanda Reidel recommended we pull the application from the list, Melisa Jahner seconded, all approved.
- Defy Lacrosse- 50 children- Rec.-\$12,000

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- Chobee Steelers-Moving to Bethel Baptist church- Rec- \$11,200.00  
Amanda Reidel abstained.
- Men of Distinction-60 students-Rec. \$24,500.00
- Peace Lutheran-Camp/Day Care, help with scholarship to attend.  
Rec.-\$10,750.00
- IRSC-Health Camp \$19,000.00-10 students in 3-week intervals,
- Okeechobee Sheriff-in conjunction with 4H-use of funds to provide  
scholarships to camps-\$10,000.00 were on the committee. Melisa  
Jahner made a motion to approve, Pat McCoy
- Okeechobee Wrestling Club- Use for camps and tournament fees-  
\$23,500.00
- Serious About You-Program centered around life skills-\$5,260.00
- Tykes and Teens-100 students- work on mental health and behavior  
issues-\$15,000.00-Ken Kenworthy abstained
- New Horizons/OCRA-100 students-Mental Health and Behavior  
program \$12,000

Amanda Reidel made a motion to approve all camps except those noted, Pat McCoy seconded, all approved.

- Chobee Nation-Tabled
- Martha's House- Amanda Reidel abstained. Melisa Jahner made  
motion to approve, Bob McPartlan Seconded, all approved
- Okeechobee Wrestling-Melisa Jahner, abstained. Pat McCoy made a  
motion to approve, Amanda Reidel seconded, all approved.
- Tykes and Teens-Ken Kenworthy abstained. Pat McCoy made a  
motion to approve, Melisa Jahner, seconded, all approved

Ken presented the list of scholarship recommendations as follow:

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| Akahoho          | Seyram    | \$2,500.00  |
| Whipple          | Joy       | \$2,500.00  |
| Holcomb          | Abagail   | \$2,500.00  |
| Stubbs           | Felecity  | \$2,500.00  |
| Smith            | Elizabeth | \$2,500.00  |
| Alvarado         | Stephanie | \$2,500.00  |
| Kennedy          | Kiersten  | \$1,500.00  |
| Maldonado        | Karina    | \$1,500.00  |
| Hernandez        | Lisbet    | \$1,500.00  |
| Soriano          | Lizbeth   | \$1,500.00  |
| Yamin            | Louza     | \$1,500.00  |
| Zapata           | Sofia     | \$1,500.00  |
| Gomez            | Janelly   | \$1,500.00  |
| Martinez         | Jade      | \$1,500.00  |
| Olivera          | Damaris   | \$1,500.00  |
| Cardoso          | Anabella  | \$1,500.00  |
| Downing          | Regan     | \$1,500.00  |
| Rogers Mackenzie |           | \$1,500.00  |
| TOTAL            |           | \$33,000.00 |

Cathleen Blair, Amanda Reidel and Ken Kenworthy were on the committee. Melisa Jahner made a motion to approve, Pat McCoy seconded, all approved.

Cathleen Blair presented the Special Project Requests.

- Grad Nite (day)-Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> asking for \$5,000. They had all seniors, not on: Adopt a Senior List-to fill out a wish list and will use the funds to purchase items. Melisa Jahner made a motion to approve, Pat McCoy Seconded, Amanda Reidel and Ken Kenworthy, abstained, all approved.

- - My Aunt's House- Requested \$4,500.00 to buy socks, underwear, new shoes and jeans. Melisa Jahner made a motion to approve, Pat McCoy, seconded, all approved.
  - Okeechobee Volleyball- Ken Kenworthy asked if any fund raisers were going to be held- Melisa Jahner recommended \$10,000.00, Pat McCoy seconded, all approved
  - Okeechobee Rodeo-Requested \$10,000.00 for 2 girls to attend an out of state rodeo. Melisa Jahner suggested either \$5,000 or \$8000. Pat McCoy made a motion for \$5,000.00, Seconded by Melisa Jahner, All approved.

Ken Kenworthy reminded Council that Mid-year evaluations were due. He asked if Special Projects needed the mid-year evaluations. Cathleen indicated that they just needed end of project evaluations and had already received the Health Expo from Chuck Akers.

The Area Agency on Aging is requesting monies be moved from Payroll-\$3,376.14 to operating expenses. Pat Mc Coy made the motion to approve, Melisa Jahner, seconded, all approved

Cathleen indicated any Council Member was invited to the Guardian for New Futures Open House that was going to showcase their new facility for children's Services on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Port St. Lucie.

Melisa Jahner questioned about the tabled issue regarding the discussion of the Executive Director approval of special project requests up to a certain amount. Ken Kenworthy was going to call the State Attorney General; he will call before the next meeting.

Kaylee King and Alaina Barron are Partnering with the School Board again to have Okeechobee Junior Leadership Skills Program, they will be asking for \$10,500 at the next meeting

A motion was made to change the next meeting to 4:30 on May 12<sup>th</sup> by Melisa Jahner, Pat McCoy seconded, all approved. Cheryl Sutton will put a notice in the paper.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 P.M.