

## **Minutes of Smyrna Charity Assistance Fund Board Meeting on November 14, 2024**

The Smyrna Charity Assistance Fund Board met at 5:00 p.m. on November 14, 2024 in the Main Conference Room at Town Hall.

### **1. Public Comment**

“The Town’s Public Comment Period shall be reserved for those citizens that have signed up to address the Board or Committee, at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting, pursuant to the Town’s Public Comment Policy. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. Additional comments may be submitted in writing.”

### **2. Call to Order**

Co-chairperson Chris Ruff called the meeting to order at 5:03p.m.

### **3. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

Co-chairperson Chris Ruff offered the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

The following members were present:

Council Member Racquel Peebles  
Co-chairman Chris Ruff  
Jenny Davis  
Tabitha Richardson  
Kennedy Wallace

### **4. Approval or Correction of Minutes of October 10, 2024 meeting**

The Board considered a motion by Jenny Davis to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2024 meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Kennedy Wallace. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **5. Old Business**

- a. Fund Balance \$61,027.22
- b. Review and approval of updated language in the By-Laws

The Board considered a motion by Kennedy Wallace to approve the updated language in the By-Laws. The motion was duly seconded by Tabitha Richardson. The motion was approved unanimously.

**1. New Business**

**a. Presentation by Nonprofits**

Representative from the following organizations gave brief presentations to the Board and responded to questions from members of the Board:

Senior Activity Center, Fran Dunne  
Domestic Violence Program, Ericka Downing  
Boys & Girls Clubs, Beth Hackett and Kelly Davis  
CASA of Rutherford County, Kassie Davis  
The Family Center, Susan Galeas and Lauren LaViola  
Carpe Artista, Ron Alley  
Possibility Place, Jackie Miller  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle TN, Suzanne Boone

**b. Discussion on disbursement of funds**

Following discussion, Kennedy Wallace made a motion that the Board vote on the disbursement amount for each non-profit separately. The motion was duly seconded by Jenny Davis. The non-profits, disbursements and votes are as follows:

Senior Activity Center	\$4,000	5-0
Domestic Violence Program	\$4,000	5-0
MCHRA-Meals on Wheels	\$8,000	5-0
Boys & Girls Clubs	\$4,500	5-0
Nourish Food Bank	\$5,000	5-0
CASA of Rutherford County	\$4,500	4-0-1
Ables Recreation Association	\$ 400	5-0
Doors of Hope	\$3,000	5-0
Community Helpers of Ruth. Co.	\$4,000	5-0
Carpe Artista	\$1,500	5-0
Possibility Place	<u>\$1,500</u>	5-0
Total	\$40,400	

**2. Staff Comments and/or Other Business**

The next meeting is April 10, 2025.

3. Adjourn.

There being no further business, Co-chairperson Chris Ruff declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approval of minutes by Natashia Floyd on 4/10/25  
Natashia Floyd, Chairperson Date