Randolph Sheppard Blind Vendors Trust Fund

Quarterly Meeting

June 9th, 2023

STEVE DEBRUHL: Hold on. Now we have the trust fund meeting.

FRANK GAFFNEY: Call to order.

STEVE DEBRUHL: Call the meeting of the blind members advisory board quarterly meeting. Call to order, Frank.

FRANK GAFFNEY: Let's call this to order right now, everybody. Roll call.

EMMA PALMER: Emma Palmer, Shreveport.

CANDICE LINVILLE: Candice Linville, New Orleans.

SHELLY LEJEUNE: Shelly LeJeune, Baton Rouge.

EMMA PALMER: Don left.

SHELLY LEJEUNE: He just walked out.

FRANK GAFFNEY: Frank Gaffney, elected committee chairman.

STEVE DEBRUHL: Well, we just lost our quorum.

EMMA PALMER: Candice went to get him.

STEVE DEBRUHL: Michelle, did you pass out the finances?

MICHELLE COX: Yes. They're included in on their packages.

STEVE DEBRUHL: This first category, this is actually a spread sheet that Eric's been doing. He keeps track of commissions as we go. So this was the latest and the greatest. Year to date. Sorry, Kevin.

KEVIN MONK: Sorry. I think we need an approval. No, we can't vote because we don't have a quorum. I'm sorry.

STEVE DEBRUHL: So this is, there's still two months left to go on the end of year. We'll start getting the May checks in. So we'll get the May checks, and we'll get the June checks. So right now year to date we've got 176,845‑dollars in third‑party commission checks. It breaks out to 125,000 of that is state locations. 45,623‑dollars is from federal locations. 1900 from parish locations and 1800 from municipal locations. The key number there is federal money and all that's going to be going to the medical stipend. The balance of the trust fund as of earlier this week was $647,143.44. Not a big change from the last time we left. Down a little bit. And then the second page we got included in here is the journals from all the expenses for a year up to date starting in July. So that covers salaries, retirement contributions, training, equipment. So those numbers are kind of small. If you have an issue, we can definitely send you an enlarged version of that.

KEVIN MONK: And we can send it electronically.

STEVE DEBRUHL: Yeah. And you can blow it up on your computer.

KEVIN MONK: Enlarge it as you want it.

EMMA PALMER: I would like it larger.

STEVE DEBRUHL: Would you like an electronic copy or a hard copy larger? Like send it to you on the computer.

EMMA PALMER: If it will read it.

STEVE DEBRUHL: It's a Microsoft Excel document so that is accessible, right?

KEVIN MONK: If you have Excel on your computer and you are a JAWS user, yeah. It will read it to you.

EMMA PALMER: Yeah. Send it to me.

STEVE DEBRUHL: Okay. So Emma, we got your email. You got two of them.

EMMA PALMER: Yeah. I'll get with you.

STEVE DEBRUHL: Okay. So year to date expenses for the program, 842,971‑dollars. Most of which comes from our friends at the federal government.

FRANK GAFFNEY: Basically half of the budget is payroll and benefits. Right at 600,000. I think our budget is like 1.25.

STEVE DEBRUHL: Right. Like I tell people, I'm easy but I'm not cheap. Did Don come back yet?

MICHELLE COX: I think Candice left as well.

EMMA PALMER: I thought she went to catch Don.

MICHELLE COX: No. She had to leave too. She did her name and left.

FRANK GAFFNEY: So an unofficial meeting. Nonmeeting. We'll just go through the paperwork.

STEVE DEBRUHL: I kind of wish they wouldn't have run out the door like that. All right, then.

FRANK GAFFNEY: Candice has to pay her driver by the hour.

STEVE DEBRUHL: Okay.

KEVIN MONK: Mentioned I think a while back Eric had done a map with all the unassigned locations on it. Didn't you show that one time?

STEVE DEBRUHL: You talking to me, Kevin?

KEVIN MONK: Yeah.

STEVE DEBRUHL: I'm sorry. What did you say?

KEVIN MONK: Didn't Eric do a map? Is that current?

STEVE DEBRUHL: I think it pretty much is, yeah. Got it on Google. I had a hard time with it, but it is pretty cool. Every address of everywhere we have a third‑party location. We mark that on the program. So you just click in that location and zoom in with Google Earth and show you the building. And that's available. Frank, I just emailed you this spread sheet. That first page is what we talked about. But a category for Coke, category for Refreshments Solutions. Just so you know, year to date you had gotten 49,850‑dollars from Coke. And 85,000‑dollars from Refreshments Solutions. Refreshment Solutions also holds the hospital in New Orleans. So a lot of that money comes from that location.

FRANK GAFFNEY: Just think what we could have had with all the other hospitals.

STEVE DEBRUHL: All right. So the next meeting for the blind vendors trust fund will be the same date, September 8th, 2023, at the Goodwood Library in Baton Rouge. And you want to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Chairman? Frank, you want to adjourn or any open discussion?

FRANK GAFFNEY: Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

SHELLY LEJEUNE: I'll move that we adjourn.

EMMA PALMER: Second.

FRANK GAFFNEY: All in favor.

{Collective aye}.

FRANK GAFFNEY: Opposed? Meeting adjourned.