



1 Peggy Fisher stated the Board spent a lot of time setting up the criteria for what would be  
2 considered a “complete” scholarship packet and if the applicant did not submit exactly what was  
3 requested or did not submit the application on time she did not rank those applications and gave  
4 them a “0”. Chair Don Philpitt agreed and he stated the applicants were aware of the criteria and  
5 what was expected because it was listed on numerous pages of the application.  
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7 Neal Ferrari stated at least one (1) applicant, maybe two (2) were Daytona State College students  
8 who had no awareness of the program at all until their teacher mentioned it and he felt that was  
9 unacceptable because it is the student’s responsibility to research what scholarships are available  
10 and make sure a complete packet is submitted by the deadline.  
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12 Board Secretary Rebecca Wilk stated the contact person at Daytona State College was out and  
13 the paperwork did not get distributed in a timely manner to the students so they were not able to  
14 submit them on time. She stated she has since been given a second contact for Daytona State  
15 College for next year.  
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17 Peggy Fisher stated students should not rely on the student resource person for information and  
18 should be doing the research themselves.  
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20 Vice Chair Alice Russell stated students are very lax about applying for scholarships. She stated  
21 the Sons of Italy usually awards two (2) to four (4) \$1,000 scholarships and this year she  
22 received no applications.  
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24 Chair Don Philpitt confirmed with the Board members that incomplete or late application  
25 packets would not be accepted.  
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27 **Motion by Peggy Fisher, seconded by Dawn Drysdale incomplete is as incomplete is.**  
28 **Motion carried unanimously.**  
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30 Neal Ferrari stated there is \$50,000 for scholarships this year compared to the \$25,000 for last  
31 year’s scholarships and there are 27 applicants compared to the 48 applicants from last year. He  
32 stated this year there are fewer applicants but, more money and based on the City Commission’s  
33 direction last year regarding the number of awards to be given, the question now is does the  
34 Board give out awards based on the direction received last year in which case there is excess  
35 funds that would go back to the City or does the Board take the whole \$50,000 and allocate it out  
36 among the applicants.  
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38 Peggy Fisher stated in the past when the funds were \$50,000 the awards went from \$1,000 to  
39 \$3,000. She stated the Board looked at all the scores, there was a drastic break in the ranking  
40 and the Board was able to help more students.  
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42 Board member Dawn Drysdale left the meeting at 6:56 p.m.  
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44 Ms. Wilk stated Neal Ferrari had asked if the City Commission could provide additional  
45 guidance prior to ranking the applications and then she read the e-mail response from City

1 Manager Faith Miller which suggested the Board go through its normal process and that not all  
2 the money in the fund needed to be awarded if there were not enough approved applicants. Chair  
3 Don Philpitt suggested following the suggestion of the City Manager and recommended starting  
4 the ranking process.

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6 The Board members announced one by one their scores for each applicant.

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8 Peggy Fisher and Chris Alcantara stated financial information was not provided for Omaraliz  
9 Bosques and the father's social security number did not match. Chair Don Philpitt gave a brief  
10 explanation of Expected Family Contribution (EFC) which helped the Board members.

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12 Peggy Fisher stated she considered the application of Ashley Donnelly partially incomplete  
13 because it did not have complete financial information.

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15 Peggy Fisher questioned if Victor Rodriquez's application was incomplete because he provided  
16 two (2) references and the criteria the Board asked for was three (3) references. Vice Chair Alice  
17 Russell stated she would not consider the application incomplete but, she would not give it as  
18 much credit.

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20 Chris Alcantara and Neal Ferrari reviewed and scored those applications which they either did  
21 not receive or could not open from the CD which was provided to them.

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23 Staff and the Board members went over dates to present their recommendations to the City  
24 Commission and which Board members if any would be present at the meeting and which  
25 members would be attending the high school award ceremonies. Chair Don Philpitt stated he  
26 would be out of the Country until April 19<sup>th</sup> so the Vice Chair Alice Russell would need to attend  
27 the City Commission meeting if the recommendations were to be presented to the City  
28 Commission on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Kent stated that there was time to place the recommendations  
29 on the April 4<sup>th</sup> City Commission Meeting and the board agreed.

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31 The Board had some discussion regarding the financial documentation provided by applicant  
32 Ashley Donnelly with no Board members changing their scores.

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34 The Board discussed the application provided by Angelo Valentine and his financial need. Neal  
35 Ferrari stated he ranked the applicant on the high side and re-ranked the applicant from a score of  
36 85 to a 75.

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38 The Board discussed the application provided by Chelsea Shrode specifically the financial need,  
39 Pell Grants, student loans and subsidized loans.

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41 The Board discussed the application provided by Kiersta Rommerdahl specifically the financial  
42 need and community involvement.

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44 Chris Alcantara asked if the Board was going to discuss Omaraliz Bosques and Peggy Fisher  
45 replied she was not willing to change her score.

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2 The Board recommended awarding 17 scholarships for total of \$36,000 as follows: scores  
3 between 89.17 - 97.50 are awarded \$3,000; scores between 86.17 - 86.83 are awarded \$2,500;  
4 scores between 83.33 - 84.67 are awarded \$2,000; scores between 80.33 - 81.67 are awarded  
5 \$1,500; and scores between 77.33 - 79.33 are awarded \$1,000. After looking at the remaining  
6 scores the Board determined there was a 7 point gap and decided to not award any other  
7 scholarships. The Board discussed the remaining four (4) applicants and Neal Ferrari stated  
8 Cayla Kubeck's and Angelo Valentine's scores were both consistent. Vice Chair Alice Russell  
9 questioned if the Board was considering awarding a scholarship to Angelo Valentine and the  
10 Board concurred they were not.

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12 Peggy Fisher suggested giving credit to the remaining four (4) applicants by awarding them \$500  
13 scholarships each and the Board member's disagreed because of the difference in the scores.  
14 Chair Don Philpitt stated he did to award a scholarship to someone for just turning something in  
15 and the Board agreed.

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17 **Motion by Chair Don Philpitt, seconded by Peggy Fisher to approve the award of 17**  
18 **scholarships at a total amount of \$36,000. Motion carried unanimously.**

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20 Ms. Kent reminded the Board of the dates that the high schools would be having their award  
21 ceremonies and the Board had a brief discussion regarding the ceremonies.

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23 **C. Discussion re: potential meeting dates, if another meeting is necessary.**

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25 After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed if a future meeting was necessary that it be on  
26 Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

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28 **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

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30 **7. MEMBER COMMENTS:** None.

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32 **8. ADJOURNMENT:**

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34 **Motion by Vice Chair Alice Russell, second by Neal Ferrari to adjourn the meeting.**  
35 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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37 **The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.**

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41 **Don Philpitt, CHAIRMAN**

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43 **ATTEST:**

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45 **Joyce Kent, RECORDING SECRETARY**