

SHINING LIGHT FOUNDATION

Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 6:pm

Location: LiveOak Wealth Advisors, 1042 Camellia Blvd Ste 11, Lafayette, LA

Motion to begin the meeting: Perry and Bruce. 6:pm

Attendees: Carolyn French
Cynthia Dauphin
Bruce S
Perry Scotola
Michael Huber
Cheryl Evans
Kerry Douglas
Michelle Luquette
Tanya Cormier
Marette LaBauve
Marcie Jacquet
Renee Moreau

Guests: Al Cotton, BMA Board of Director
Claudy St. Louis, BMA Executive Director.

Bridge Ministries of Acadiana (BMA) is a Christian Community development organization transforming lives in the heart of Lafayette. Their mission is “to alleviate poverty by empowering lives through spiritual transformation, education, and community development.” Volunteers walk door to door in lower income areas of Lafayette, and ask residents what changes they want in their community. The majority of residents choose safety over money. They want a safe place for their children to live, play and attend school.

Claudy and Al told us about the various programs BMA offers, such as:

- Mentoring & tutoring which is free after school programs for lower income students.
- Men’s and Women’s Bible study
- Community Events

Claudy mentioned BMA has one child that wants to play a band instrument, but the family can’t afford the instrument. Carolyn told them to go to SLF website and complete and submit the application to SLF Board. All Board Members agreed to consider the request after the application is submitted.

Perry motioned SLF make a donation to BMA. \$1000 was recommended by Carolyn. Bruce seconded the motion and all members approved. \$1000 check will be sent to BMA to go towards the education of the children they serve.

Motion to accept the last month meetings minutes: Tanya and Cynthia. All approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Bruce: New Fiscal Year 2024/2025-

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| Scholarships: | \$880.50 |
| Expenses: | 15.16 |
| Donations | 0 |
| Interest | .19 |

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| Escrow: | 862.50 |
| Invested: | 98,567.07 |
| Credit card | 0 |

Carolyn reviewed and discussed the SLF account held with LiveOak Wealth Advisors and asked if anyone had questions concerning the account and/or account investments.

Account balance as of 09-18-2024 \$102,800.00

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Approved by Perry and seconded by Cynthia. All approved.

No new applications.

New Business: Cynthia attended the CAFÉ Love our Schools meeting. Cynthia said the CAFÉ meeting had a great turnout and was well attended and organized. Cynthia handed out a lot of SLF brochures and spoke with several people about SLF.

CAFÉ – Community and Family Engagement.

Birthdays: Tany Cormier

Old Business: Healing House thank you letter received.

Public Relations: Print and distribute SLF brochures. Maretta would like more to hand out.

Next meeting: October 16, 2024 @ LOWA office 6:pm

Motion to end meeting: Perry. 7:00pm