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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

**August 13, 2025**

**Present:** Vicky Curtis, Betty Jo Weaver, Karla Looby, Tana Lopez, Anna Martinez-Ross, Katie Bauer, Karen Farrell, Becky Rebenstorf, Cathy Hutchens, Melissa Almquist, Laura Feemster, Marci Saffer, Sandra Barton, Adaline Klemmedson, Vickie Butler, Kristie Stevens, Misty Arnold, Kendra Gibbons, Lucy Barraza, Lia Keller, Valerie Fanelli, Kate Breck Calhoun. Excused- Cathy Solverson, Jennifer Wentzel, Brittany Smith, Laura Buckelew, Shawna Henderson, Nanci Berens, Kellie Terhune Neely, Jessica Graves.

**Call to Order:** Board Meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by the general chair.

**General Chair:** Vicky Curtis moved to approve the consent agenda. The Motion was seconded and the motion passed.

**Reports With Motions:**

**Guardians: Adaline Klemmedson, Vickie Butler, Kristie Stevens**

* **I move to use money from Board Restricted Funds, not to exceed $3500, to replace the current workstation (hardware and software) for the Administrative Assistant with an upgraded, more responsive and efficient system which will include a 5 year service warranty and professional installation as recommended by Angela D’Onofrio, Client Success Manager at Silverado Technologies.**

Rationale is based on Ms. D’Onofrio’s assessment:

The current system is a 2019 HP EliteDesk 800 G4 Mini with 8GB RAM (Random Access Memory) and a 256GB SSD (Solid State Drive - storage). Frequent lag, application freezes, and slow system responses when running multiple applications and cloud based tools were the primary concerns. While the system was adequate upon purchase, it no longer aligns with modern computing standards.

The addition of expanded memory and storage (16 GB DDR5 RAM/512 SSD) compared to your current workstation will provide better reliability and scalability over the life of the workstation. Your current workstation is now 5+ years of age. We recommend that workstations be replaced when they reach 3+ years of age.

* **RAM** is limited to 8GB, below the recommended 16GB for CRM and financial systems
* **SSD storage (256GB)** is nearing capacity, reducing performance and reliability
* The **Intel Core i5-8500 CPU**, though serviceable, is now two generations behind for business use
* The system is still running **Windows 10 Pro**, which loses official support in October 2025

The existing Acer monitors do not have a cameras and are displaying pixelation and resolution issues, reducing visual clarity when working in financial reports, donor profiles, and spreadsheets with high visual load.

The new monitors are compatible with the new computers on offer, as the older monitors use connectors called ‘VGA’ connectors that have mostly been phased out. The new monitors are also more ergonomic for eye health.

Running on outdated hardware also poses security risks and reduces compatibility with modern software updates and cloud tools.

The following is recommended:

* **Intel i5 or i7 (12th Gen or newer)** or **AMD Ryzen 5/7**
* **16GB RAM**, **512GB–1TB SSD**
* **Windows 11 Pro**
* **24"–27" Full HD or QHD monitor**
* **5-year Dell ProSupport warranty, which offers 24 x 7 x 365 technical support with next day onsite**

**The motion was seconded and the motion Passed**

**Action/Motion:**

**I move to approve the renewal of the Angel Charity for Children, Inc. Blackbaud contract for an additional six (6) year period 11/17/2025 – 11/16/2031. The total first year payment for this renewed contract will be $8,679, which includes an additional module.**

**Rationale:**

Angel’s Blackbaud contract is up for renewal this year. There was a substantial increase in the cost (almost 8%/year) from our previous contract, which has been negotiated substantially to lower the renewal rate each year for the duration of this contract. We have also added an additional module, the Address Accelerator RE NXT to this renewal contract for a three (3) year period ($1,050/year). This module is an address correction data service. It will perform the following functions:

* Update addresses with missing or misspelled information
* Correct missing or incorrect 5-digit ZIP codes
* Add ZIP+4 codes to an address
* Add carrier route codes and delivery point codes
* Add counties
* **Note:** Angel Charity has another contract with Blackbaud that auto renewed last year for the RE NXT Learn More Module. It is a five (5) year contract (11/17/2024)

**The motion was seconded and the motion passed**

**Treasurer: Karla Looby**

* Reconciled with CCU 6/11
* Assistant Treasurer training meetings in person and on zoom with Sandra Barto

**Motion:**

* **I move to transfer $200,000 from the NBAZ Checking account (9927) to the Due to Beneficiaries account (8703).**

**Rationale:**

This transfer would move Capital Campaign/Underwriting funds received in the 2nd quarter of our fiscal year from the NBAZ checking account into the Due to Beneficiaries account, where funds are housed until the beneficiary is eligible to receive payment of funds.

**The motion was seconded and the motion passed.**

**Reports Without Motions**

**General Chair: Vicky Curtis**

* + Welcome back! Fall will be busy preparing for the Poker Party and Angel Ball. Membership obligations are due on October 8th.
	+ BBBSSA’s renovation project is making steady progress. Their annual Gala is on Saturday, September 20th, let me know if you plan to attend, we’re maintaining a list. On-site naming opportunities were finalized and announced in the July member and community newsletters.
	+ Sent information about Chance Tickets and Poker Party to all beneficiaries.
	+ Thank you to those who have met up with a Cherub or First Year Active (FYA)! This opportunity is very special for them. Many Cherubs and FYAs remain available, please sign up today at [Cherub & FYA Signup](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16HNGPlCQovGoK1KOHW7uDLfGn4RUFEjmJ2cEfOPoRq0/edit?gid=0#gid=0).
	+ We now have a total of 13 Triple Halo partners! We are in discussion with additional potential partners.
	+ Much correspondence and many meetings held over the summer planning our two remaining events – The Big Deal Poker Party and Angel Ball. Thank you to these teams who are working overtime to plan incredible events of which the whole membership can be proud.
	+ Assisted A&A with August Meeting invite email. Excited about the brand-new format for this meeting. Please provide feedback to Betty Jo, Karla, Marci, or me to help with planning a great 2026.

**Vice Chair:Betty Jo Weaver**

 I’ll go over my report more in depth at the general meeting but here are some updates. It's been a little bit slower in the summer with the formal meetings, but we've been busy behind the scenes, working on all things Angel. The new band contract has been completed. We also went and visited a DJ with Cindy Robertson. The DJ will perform for part of the time at the ball possibly during the band breaks and for sure the last hour of the ball. The angels are going to partner with the band Lucky Devils who will be playing at the ball (a local band).

Poker Party is in full swing, and if you haven't bought your tickets, do that soon this event will sell out.

Please if you can help drum up some sponsors,for the Poker Party or attendees that would be lovely, we have some great new raffle prizes for this event as well. I want to encourage everybody to send out some CCU letters to friends and family. I sent out about 100 some that are trickling in. Mine happened to be some new donors. I had as little as $100 and I had as much as $10,000.

**Operations Chair: Cathy Solverson, Betty Jo presented her report**

 She's been very, very busy always helping with all the different committees with their QR codes and forms and updating things. Cathy has helped create a member survey. Cathy will also be holding a” lunch and learn” in September, for anybody that would like to get more familiar with the Angel Charity Website. Please look out for that registration in the next member newsletter once you register you will receive the zoom information. Her team is also working on a lot of printing for various committees.

**CCU Chair: Tana Lopez**

A Quick update from the sheet provided you all. We now have a total of 13 contracts, and we are at $593,898.

| **MONTH** | 2020/2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total # Contracts |  |  |  | 112 | 129 |
| ALL CCUContracted |  |  | $421,222 | $529,405 | $559,048 |
| Total Triple Halo CCU ONLY |  |  |  |  | $289,750 |
| CCU Collected |  |  |  |  | $227,608 |
| Breakdown |  |  |  |  |  |
| CCU | $863,411 | $440,000 | $408,781 | $456,194 | $528,600 |
| Grants |  |  |  | $5,000 | $15,000 |
| Tributes |  |  | $3,550 | $3,200 | $4,600 |
| MISC |  |  | $3,900 | $8,022 | $4,848 |
| Members Collected |  |  | $4991 | $5,100 | $6,000 |
| Verbal Commits |  |  |  | $144,736 | $50,000 |

**Communications Chair: Valerie Fanelli**

We will be adding our new triple Halo partners to our marketing when we update our radio spots. We do have a deadline of August 29 for the billboards to add new triple Halo sponsors. So if there is anybody on the fence, that is our deadline to get our art work for the next set of billboards that will be going up. Right now, the focus has been on poker party promotion. We had a feature in Tucson lifestyle. We have three billboards currently up. All radio stations are running spots, and I scheduled a photo shoot for Betty Jo and Vicky promoting the Angel Ball. I’ll allow my committee chairs to share their updates.

**Public Relations Chair: Kate Breck Calhoun**

We did a news release for the big deal poker party, which we're expecting to go out around Labor Day. I Did a coordinated interview with biz Tucson magazine, with Vicky Curtis, talking about the big deal poker party. There was an article in The Arizona Daily Star, the photos are great.

**Social Media Chair: Katie Bauer**

Our Instagram and Facebook following is growing. If you haven't already, I encourage you and your friends to like, share and follow. We have seen lots of posts from our opportunity grant beneficiaries, we've also shared some beneficiary announcements from last year with the children's museum opening their new space. Now we're turning our sights on poker party. We do have a Facebook event made for poker party, so please RSVP that you are going if you haven't already. We will be sharing our Chance Ticket prize that Cathy Hutchens will be announcing at our meeting later today. It will be on social media soon.

**Events Chair: Jennifer Wentzel- Betty Jo presented her report.**

The Spring Event is still waiting for one payment to come through. Poker party numbers are updated as well. It's now 87,300 and Jen's been great about being at our zoom meetings. She did it for the spring event, and now we're doing it for poker party, she takes notes and makes sure all points are covered. This really helps the chairs/co-chairs keep their committee organized and moving forward on all the fine details for the [event.We](http://event.we) have now been approved by Dillard’s corporate to hold their event on November, 7, 8, or 9th. (This will be at both Park Place Mall as well as Tucson Mall)

**Spring Event:Brittany Smith**- **Betty Jo presented her report**

Planning a meeting to close out the Spring Event. This meeting will be scheduled to take place within the next few weeks.

* We are waiting on a single sponsor payment. We hope to have that commitment fulfilled by the end of the month

- We have one vendor payment outstanding. If we cannot find a resolution with this vendor, we will make a note for next year's event.

**Poker Party Chair: Kendra Gibbons**

1. There are 12 Triple Halo Sponsors and 18 Poker party sponsors for a total of 30.  The total dollar amount is $93,300, this includes our title sponsors Tom Rogers and Ginny Clements.

2. We have sold 120 GA spots and 80 Poker spots which include sponsors and individual buyers.

3. Entertainment has been secured, pianist and jazz quartet.

4. Amfund has been secured and contract signed

5. Queen of hearts has been secured and contract signed

6. Decor has been busy making many wonderful new props for the Monte Carlo theme.

7. We have chair meetings scheduled every Monday until the event, a full committee meeting on August 12, and the next committee meeting is August 26th.

**Solicitations Chair: Laura Buckelew Betty Jo presented her report**

Ongoing Communication with all Solicitation Committee Chairs. This includes calls, emails and text messages. Continuous updating to the Master Member Obligation tracking Spreadsheet and sharing that with the General Chair.I attended the Dallas Market with the Purchasing Team in June, it was a very successful trip!

I am also working on a draft outline of a new Casino Gifts Procedures Timeline. Casino Gifts Chair and Purchasing Chair to lead this project. I will add current procedures to the document and collaborate with leadership and guards to try and create a collaborative timeline for the leadership and solicitation teams to utilize in future years.(This will be reviewed at next year’s 2026 transition meeting)

**Casino Gift Chair: Shawna Henderson- Lia Keller presented her report**

There is an update from the numbers that are here. As of today, we have 120 gifts in and the value that we have right now is almost $16,500. We have 67 gift certificates in and $5600 in value. The great news is we have four or five people on the committee who are already done with all 15 gifts.

**Chance Ticket Chair: Cathy Hutchens**

We confirmed the third Chance Ticket prize--$10,000 Shopping spree to La Encantada so that is super exciting

2. The total number of tickets sold through the morning of Friday July 25 is 206.

**Silent Auction Chair: Misty Arnold**

We have contacted all previous Angels who donated last year. Our regular meetings are starting up again. We have selected great travel that I’ll share every month at the general meetings. Year to date we are at 21 gifts with a value of $41,669, compared to the same time last year 35 gifts with a value of $75,281.

**Membership Liaison Chair: Melissa Almquist**

* Cherub Meeting was held 7/28
* DEI/ESG planning a meeting for the week of 8/25
* Next Halos and Highballs 8/27
* Membership requirement reminder will be in the Member Newsletter

**Cherub Liaison Chair: Karen Farrell**

We had our second Cherub meeting at Laura Feemster’s home on Monday, July 28, 2025. We had presentations by our CCU chair, Silent Auction, Casino Gifts chair and our Chance ticket chair submitted information to be shared with the Cherubs. The Cherubs continue to be enthusiastic and eager for more information. Laura is also working on a special project there that involves “Angel roots”.

**Corresponding Secretary Chair: Lucy Barraza**

Most of the 17 items in my report have been in the member newsletter. I sent out condolences cards to Misty & Doug Arnold. Sympathy for the passing of Doug's mother, Jill Brooks a sympathy card for the passing of her niece, Phoebe and Chuck Wadsworth, sympathy for the passing of her mother in law..

It was discussed to send congratulations to Cathy Solverson for the birth of her granddaughter.

 Cindy Robertson had surgery and had to go back to the hospital in June, she is doing better.

Julie La Due broke her foot, a get well card will be sent out to her.

It was seen on Facebook that Kalyn Stith passed away. He was the son of Past Angel Bridget Stith and her husband Jim Stith. It was discussed that a sympathy card will be sent as soon as an address can be located.

**Ball Chair:Nanci Berens- Betty Jo presented the report**

Reviewed the final contract with the band and D.J. Review with AZ pro sound AV needs for band

**This year** we're working with Katie Bauer to create an email asking members to fill out a song request form for the ball.

**Ball Casino Games** – creating a contract that Darlene Twiss is reviewing, there has never been one with the gaming company.

**Ball Casino Gifts Display** – Reviewed display needs. Review order of stations, gift bags, ball favor bags and clothing rack.

**Ball Cuisine** – Held a Ball cuisine planning meeting with Paige and Betty Jo

**Ball Décor Chair** – Reviewed décor plans multiple times, ***working on receiving a décor budget from Events Made Special and sign a contract with this vendor***

**Ball Favors** – Ball favors have been delivered

**Ball Invitation** – Reviewing invitation design is just about done.

**Treasurer -** Coordinate calculation of tax-deductible amounts for Ball Tickets with the Treasurer

**Immediate Past General Chair: Kellie Terhune Neely**

1. **Beneficiary Updates**
* **Children’s Museum Tucson (CMT**): Final site visit (5/27) to review event logistics and the donor wall ahead of the May 29th ribbon cutting. CMT displayed a large banner due to a delay in permanent signage (pending city approval). Illuminated Angel signage is under review due to lighting restrictions. Thank you cards sent. An article and photos was submitted for the Community Bulletin and social media. Media coverage included: Arizona Daily Star (5/27) <https://tucson.com/news/local/article_267bedec-59ae-4603-90b3-ee4ad091b9a8.html>, KGUN 9 TV (5/29) <https://www.kgun9.com/news/community-inspired-journalism/midtown-news/it-belongs-in-a-museum-childrens-museum-tucson-takes-over-carswell-bing-building>. Beneficiary agreement documentation follow up with thanks to Adaline Klemmedson and Jodi Bain-Sundt for their support.
* **Junior League of Tucson – Cinderella’s Closet:** Dedication and grand opening held (8/2) . Invitations sent to 2024 Angel leadership and members affiliated with JLT. Photos, videos and an article will be shared for social media and the newsletter. Thank you cards sent.
* **Impact Reports**: Received from Arizona’s Children Association, Fox Tucson Theatre Foundation, and TMC Health.

**CCU**

* Advised CCU on sample graphics and recommended a beneficiary carousel for the website. Submitted a grant application to the Foothills Club of Tucson on behalf of BBBSSA.

**Google Ad Grant & AI Strategy**

* Ads continue to exceed required click-thru rates, maintaining grant compliance. About 35% are appearing across Google platforms. A PowerPoint was shared for members at the May General Meeting, along with a newsletter article. **Poker Party** campaign launched **August 1st**. Upcoming campaigns: **Halo for Hire** and **Apply for Funding** (once information is updated on the website).
* **AI Integration**: Shared best practices on website optimization to keep Angel Charity visible across search engines and AI platforms, helping Angel stay current with digital trends.

**Partnerships & Donor Recognition**

* **Total Wine & More:** Assisted Kim Kimbriel with a thank you package for her June visit to their corporate office. Grateful for this 10-year partnership and hopeful for future support.

**Meetings**

* **Attended Guardian Council** (5/12) and **Strategic Planning** (5/22 and 6/26**).**

**Miscellaneous**

Attended the Amphi Foundation ECHO Tour (6/3). Confirmed the December “Has Been” Luncheon at Fleming’s (12/16), thanks to Grace Fricke’. Submitted a University of Arizona award nomination on behalf of Angel. Met with 2025 General Chair (6/23). Continued to assist with questions from the prior year.

**General Elect Chair: Karla Looby**

We have had some meetings with current leadership and guardians, which are always very informative and helpful to help make our plans for next year. And speaking of next year, our charity selection team is up and going. They've had a few meetings with Reviewer. Dates have been added to the website,thank you to Ashley Warren. Cathy Solverson has created the Halo for Hire event in the community newsletter which is going to be happening Tuesday October 14 at the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona. If you are out and about interacting with nonprofits in town, please spread the word. Let them know that we want to see them there, and if they cannot attend there will be a zoom option. Adriana is in the process of finalizing locations for Charity Selection and our voting meeting. Please put the voting meeting date on your calendar; it will be Wednesday March 4, 2026. We are open to feedback regarding meeting venues for next year. We'd love to hear from you if you've got ideas, please let us know.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

**There was a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16pm**