

VICKSBURG ROTARY CLUB BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thurs, M, 2ay 11, 2023 4:00 – 5:15pm

Vicksburg District Library, 215 S Michigan Ave

Members: Syd Bastos (Pres), Mike Wunderlin (Pres Elect), David Aubry (Pres Nominee), Don Ulsh (Past President), Mike Tichvon (Secretary), Danna Downing (Treasurer), Eric Hansen (Board Member)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda – Any additions?**
3. **Consent Agenda** *Approval Needed*
 - a. Treasurer's reports April (pg 2 - 4)
 - b. Correspondence - Thank you from Vicksburg Historical Society for Spring Clean-up (pg 5)
4. Meeting Minutes from April 17meeting (available ____?)
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Officers for 2023-24 Treasurer & Secretary and President Nominee (serves 2025-26)
 - b. Ad Hoc Committee Updates
 - i. Impact Start Up - Syd
 - ii. 50/50 Raffle - Danna
 - iii. Charter Night – Don Ulsh
 - iv. Youth Programs (Exploratory) – Syd (from Kathy F)
 - v. 501c3 – Syd (from Kristina A)
 - c. Expenses this year:
 - i. T-shirts for active members – Danna & Syd
 - ii. Quarter Page Ad for scrap in May paper completed
6. **New Business**
 - a. 10% luncheon prep? 15 kids will be there.
 - b. Adhoc scholarship committee – start when? Who should be on it?
 - c. Rotary Scholarship Recipients (pg 6 to 19). Share with club? How and how much?
 - d. 100 year anniversary idea & grant application (Syd & Mike)
7. **Member Comments** (5 min)
8. **Adjournment**

Parking Lot – Items that are not current priority – add to agenda as needed and/or as time permits:

- *Self-Audit vs Professional audit of financials (currently self-audit)?*
- *Members pay fees for social activities & overruns picked up by general fund?*
- Create operational procedures & policies, review governance documents – Admin Committee and Finance Committee assignments?
- Authority to act – when can a club member act on his/her own vs the board vs president vs club? Board or Admin Committee assignment?
- Diversity, equity and inclusion
- DACdb training
- Showboat trailer repurpose/branding

Balance Sheet

Vicksburg - 2039 Balance Sheet

As Of April 30, 2023

ASSET ACCOUNTS

Current Assets

Checking-KCSB GENERAL	18,814
Checking-KCSB Community Giving	7,596
Checking-KCSB STRIVE	23,351
KCF Endowment Fund Spendable	15,438
Receivables	(260)

Total Current Assets 64,939

Total ASSET ACCOUNTS 64,939

LIABILITY ACCOUNTS

Current Liabilities

KCF Club Contributions	<u>4,283</u>
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Total Current Liabilities 4,283

Long-Term Liabilities

Total Long-Term Liabilities 0

Total LIABILITY ACCOUNTS 4,283

EQUITY ACCOUNTS

Club Retained Earnings	64,973
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NET INCOME - 3,841

Total EQUITY ACCOUNTS 61,132

Total LIABILITIES & EQUITY 65,415

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Balance Sheet

Income Statement

Vicksburg - 2039
Income Statement
July 01, 2021 through April 30, 2023

	Apr 2023	YTD
ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE		
INCOME ACCOUNTS		
Club Initiation Fees	0	25
Club Member Dues	0	4,030
Brown Box Fines KCF Fndn Contr	0	858
Club Member Social Payments	0	980
Annual Fund (50/50)	0	809
Disaster Relief	0	100
Polio Income	0	582
Club Project Income		
STRIVE PROJECT	0	4,700
Total Club Project Income	0	4,700
Club Fundraiser Income		
Scrap Metal Recycling	0	6,799
Total Club Fundraiser Income	0	6,799
Interest Income	0	7
Miscellaneous Income	0	860
Total INCOME ACCOUNTS	0	19,750
EXPENSE ACCOUNTS		
Dues paid to DISTRICT	250	1,964
District Foundation Contributions	0	475
Dues paid to RI	0	2,967
RI Foundation Polio Plus Expense	0	464
RI Foundation Annual Fund Expense	0	572
Brown Box KCF Quarterly Distributions	0	5,766
Community Giving	500	2,450
Gift and Award Expenses	0	425
Club Member Social Expenses	0	1,001
Office Expense	0	928
Committee Expenses		
PR Expense	0	910
Membership Expense	21	356
Total Committee Expenses	21	1,266
Club Fundraiser Expenses		
Scrap Metal Recycling	0	656

Total Club Fundraiser Expenses	0	656
Club Project Expenses		
STRIVE		
Awards	0	300
Celebrations	0	350
Tuition/Scholarships	0	2,473
Refreshments	0	232
STRIVE Fundraising Expenses	0	806
Total STRIVE	0	4,161
Community Service Activities	0	364
Total Club Project Expenses	0	4,525
Bank Fees	0	4
Miscellaneous Expense	0	129
Total EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	771	23,591
NET INCOME	(771)	(3,841)

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Profit & Loss

From Vicksburg Historical Society for
Spring Clean Up 2023



Syd,

Thank you so much for
all the great work your team
helped us with to beautify
the historic village. We truly do
appreciate all you did and it was
especially nice to see us all
come together as a team!

Tanna Stafford

Four Rotarians attended
Larry Forsyth
Charlie Church
Jim Bird
Syd Bastos

2023 Rotary Scholarship Distributions:

Academic

Patrick Russon
Bryce Smith
Carson Holmes

Trades

Lily Puckett
Ryan Vallier

Pathways

Apollo Dorey

Total Scholarship Distribution (not including Strive) = \$6,000

Essays submitted as part of the scholarship application process are in the following pages for each of these students.

Vicksburg Community Schools has given me the opportunity to get an education that no over school network could give anyone, And below is my evidence for this statement.

I started out at Tobey Elementary under the direction of Principal Mike Barwegan, where he taught a philosophy that me and my classmates learned. He was able to teach us how to be respectful and responsible. He showed us what was right and wrong in different settings and how to properly act in all kinds of situations. And how to responsibly converse to each other and our peers. With Barwegans help, I was able to make Dwarfism noticed in Michigan.

Next I moved to Vicksburg Middle School under the direction of Matt Vandussen, where he was able to teach his next level philosophy with his teacher's help where he advanced our minds, communication skills.

Then leading to Highschool under the direction of Adam Brush. Who was able with the help of his colleagues, to give us all one last opportunity to make sure we were able to graduate and enter the real world. Giving us the opportunity to try Work Experience classes (EFE) and other great activities that could help me obtain advantages to help me obtain a future job.

I consider my greatest achievement is getting to become Drumline Captain for the Vicksburg High School Marching Band under the Direction of Ben Rosier. Captains are someone who everyone looks up to for advice and a good influence during both good and bad experiences. And receiving Percussion Captain was a great experience for me, because it showed me that no matter what someone is always watching me and thinking what I do is always the right thing to do. So if I ever made a mistake, I would figure out what I did wrong, and would correct myself and make sure no one else would make the same mistake and always do the right

thing. Giving me the life lesson that it is alright asking questions when you are not always 100% sure about something.

After I graduate from Vicksburg High School, I want to pursue my education at Kalamazoo Valley Community College where I want to further my education to become a mechanical engineer. I give a good amount of credit to my Computerized Manufacturing teacher Greg Mills at the highschool. I have always been a hands-on learner and I am mechanically inclined. When I told Mr. Mills about my skills, he has been able to give me opportunities that not many others have gotten. He has given me the opportunities that got me the job I have now at Flowserve and I love it there and couldn't thank him enough for it. And can eventually become one of Flowserve's Mechanical Engineers later in my life.

I think I should be considered for multiple scholarships because I have obtained Vicksburg's greatest education and I will go above and beyond others with the help of the scholarships.

Bryce Smith Essay
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Growing up, sports have always been a big part of my life. The countless hours spent training and working out to get bigger, stronger, and faster were all worth it, but in the end that really wasn't the most important part of it. Most people view athletes as big, dumb bullies that don't really care about anything but themselves. I cannot stress how far from the truth that is.

I have played football from the time I could first pick up a ball. I've always loved playing, but I've always wanted to try coaching. My junior year of high school I talked a few of my friends into coaching a pee wee football league team with me. My dreams were finally coming true, and I would have the chance to do something I was really passionate about. Little did I know that coaching football would be nowhere near as easy as playing it.

One thing teenagers really struggle with is patience, and when you become a coach you need a lot of patience. Personally I really struggled with having patience. Coaching little kids was like trying to corral wild animals. The main problem I had was trying to get the kids to listen to me. A lot of people didn't believe I was capable of balancing sports, school, and now a coaching job, but I was really passionate about it and I wanted to stick with it. I started building connections with the kids and things started to click. It didn't really matter to me if we were good or not. All that mattered was that the kids were having fun and learning how to play the game the right way. There were many times I wanted to quit and let an adult take over my job. Nobody really thought a kid could handle the job of coaching little kids. We proved them all wrong. The kids loved me as their coach so much that they asked me to come back again the next year to coach them. The kids really enjoyed being around the varsity football players, and on Friday nights they would go around bragging to people that their coach was number 5 out on the field. They would tell their parents that they wanted to grow up to be out on that field someday just like their coach was. It felt really good to be able to inspire younger kids to want to be a part of something bigger than themselves.

Through the life lessons I learned while attending VHS I was able to balance my life between school, sports, and coaching. The life lessons I learned from coaching could not be found anywhere else. Coaching taught me to be patient and to listen to people. I also learned how to work with little kids and

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how fun they really can be. I was helping to break the stereotypical high school football bully. I was proving to people that football players are more than selfish, self centered people, that if you really looked deeper into people you would see how thoughtful and caring football players can be. On the field we always talk about brotherhood and how we are a family. That was something I developed with the kids I coached. I really stressed to them that not only do they have to be good on the field, but they had to be good in life. Being a good person was also an important part of being a good football player. A quote that I used to like to tell them by Jordan Peterson was “pet a cat when you encounter one in the street.” This one really meant a lot to me. To me it means that people are always having their own problems, and we don’t know what they are going through, so the smallest thing like saying hello can make the biggest difference.

Carson Holmes Essay

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What seemed like a couple of weeks was actually four years, and just like that, there are only a couple months left until I'm off to college. Looking back, I learned a lot in the classroom and learned even more about who I am and who I want to be.

To me, being a good citizen and good character is about leading by example. Sometimes leading by example is more about what someone doesn't do than what that person does. I don't mistreat other people, and I am mindful about not making jokes at other people's expense. I don't sacrifice my values to be with the popular crowd.

When I think about significant achievements in my high school career, one of my proudest would be earning the Spanish Global Seal of Biliteracy. It has taken me 5 years of Spanish classes to get me to this point and this long commitment truly makes me look back at each year of improvement with pride. This achievement has given me the motivation I need to continue Spanish in my future where I will hopefully move from proficiency to fluency.

In November, I was accepted at Michigan State University (honors college), I plan to pursue a degree in Computer Engineering at Michigan State University. I know the path to success in this major is very difficult, but I am willing to put all of my effort toward succeeding in the program. Once I have graduated, I really would like to work in computer hardware design and manufacturing. Since I began using computers, I have always been interested in the mechanics of how they work and how to improve them.

I do believe I am prepared to take the next giant leap of life to college. I have taken challenging coursework in highschool, including nine AP classes. Working a part-time job while attending schools has helped me with my time management skills and prioritization.

Additionally, being the youngest in my family has given me the advantage of being exposed to college life through my sister and several of my cousins.

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High school has been fun, but at the same time difficult . I am glad I chose to take harder classes in my current and final year, so the transition from high school to college is not such a large difference from an academic standpoint. Reflecting back on my high school career, I worked really hard and have been able to keep my grade point average high. Awarding me a scholarship would be a good investment for the future because I am a serious student, and I strive to succeed. College is expensive and I would appreciate any financial help I can get.

Throughout my years at Vicksburg High School, I have developed a passion for helping those around me. National Honors Society, AIM Higher, Leadership class, and extracurriculars have helped me thrive in high school by allowing me the opportunity to give back to my community in meaningful ways. Volunteering through my school and community service organizations has given me the confidence, knowledge, and skills necessary to make a difference. Planning service events through these organizations has also given me the tools to continue volunteering and making a difference in my community wherever I go. All aspects of my experience in Vicksburg Community Schools have helped shape my character.

While participating in extracurricular activities, I have also maintained an excellent academic record. My most significant achievement while at Vicksburg High School has been balancing my extracurriculars, academic career, and personal life. While maintaining a 3.8 GPA, I have managed to participate in Vicksburg Theatre productions, dance classes, National Honors Society, AIM Higher, a SkillsUSA Baking competition, International Thespian Society with a leadership role, homecoming decoration, and a Dungeons and Dragons after-school club that was started by me and my father. Being able to balance all of my extracurriculars while still maintaining my GPA has been a challenge, but in doing so I have learned valuable skills that will help me well beyond my years at Vicksburg. I am able to prioritize immediate needs, work well with others, and manage a busy schedule while still succeeding in Advanced Placement classes and participating in many activities.

For the past two years I have participated in the Culinary Program at Kalamazoo Valley Community College and plan to continue working to obtain my Baking & Pastry Certificate. I also plan on continuing my study of American Sign Language and English. After completing my

associates degree in English, I plan to transfer to obtain my bachelors degree. I plan to pursue a career in pastry, American Sign Language, and publishing. The opportunity to take Career and Technical Education classes through Vicksburg Community Schools has allowed me to jumpstart my career in pastry by allowing me to obtain college credits and intern at some of the best bakeries in the area. Vicksburg has also given me the opportunity to take Advanced Placement classes such as Seminar and Research to further my English skills and prepare me for college writing. I have also been given the opportunity to take both online and in-person American Sign Language classes. I believe that through the opportunities and connections given to me by Vicksburg Community Schools and Kalamazoo Valley Community College, I am well prepared to further my education and start my career.

I hope to be considered for this scholarship due to my persistent effort towards bettering myself in both my academics and character. I have used the opportunities provided to me at Vicksburg Community Schools to gain work experience, college credits, and personal skills. This has allowed me to set myself up for success and better myself.

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Throughout my high school career both as a student and an athlete, the most important things I've gained are politeness and proper character. Ever since sophomore year I've been working on becoming a better person and building my character. One way I have demonstrated my good character is that I've been a part of the National Honors Society because I like helping people and boosting others' morale. Another way I've shown my good citizenship is that I have helped out with youth athletics and activities. I have been a leader for my athletic teams, setting a good example not only for my teammates, but also the next generation of athletes. I believe that I should be considered for these scholarships because I am a person of high moral and have worked hard for all of my athletic and academic achievements.

My favorite achievement I've received as a student at VHS is my athletic achievements, not because of the award itself but because of the person I have become while working for them. When I was a sophomore all of my friends moved up to the varsity football team besides me. I could have easily sulked and let this influence me to give up. Instead I used that as fuel to motivate me and push myself to work as hard as possible. This experience has helped me become the athlete and person I am today. My hard work and discipline was recognized by my peers and coaches and I was voted captain of the football team my senior year. Being a captain has taught me to not be afraid to step up and be a guide for my teammates. While I am proud of the athlete I am, I am more proud of the person athletics has molded me into.

My goal for the future is to complete trade school/apprenticeship and then open my own electrical business. The math and business classes I've taken throughout high school has prepared me to achieve this goal. While taking AP Calculus, I have learned how to solve complex equations and problems which has helped prepare me for my future education in trade school. The business class that has taught me the most is Marketing. I learned multiple marketing

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strategies and business tactics that I will use for my future business. My experiences in high school, both athletic and academic, have fully prepared me to begin my journey in trade school. The awarding of a scholarship will bring me one step closer to my goal and allow me to pursue my future aspirations.

Apollo Dorey Essay
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I have had many unique experiences while going through the Vicksburg school system, and they have prepared me thoroughly for college this year. Whether it was taking classes on certain life skills or taking career based classes, the school has made sure I have the knowledge needed to succeed beyond high school. I started the proper steps towards starting college this year already, and plan on attending KVCC for my associates degree.

I always tried my best to maintain good character and citizenship within school. Though most of my time was spent independently, I still had moments where I got to connect with my classmates. One of my friends has struggled through the school system for quite some time now. When I found out they attended Pathways I wanted to help provide that encouragement and support they needed to make it through. I didn't do their work for them of course, but I would sit next to them as another teacher helped them and tried to reassure them when they needed it. I want to see them succeed just as much as I did. We also had a few events over the years I have been at pathways related to MAEO Stars, a program for alternative high school students to connect together. I attended both of the events offered to me and had a blast connecting with my fellow classmates. I connected with countless other students at the events as well, getting to know about their school experience as they did mine.

I was too busy to be able to do many things outside of schoolwork and plan to do more when I enter college. When it comes to achievements, there aren't many opportunities to earn specific things or achieve a specific goal. I strive to do my best no matter what i'm doing, and recently did something small but could be considered my most significant achievement. I recently "graduated" from Vicksburg Pathways, my exception being the dual-enrollment class I am currently enrolled in at KVCC. I was determined to get done with my school work, and my hard work ended up paying off. I earned student of the week the other week for getting 29

modules done. I was given another math class that I wasn't aware I had to take, and it crushed me at first. I was upset, demotivated, and stressed. Though I knew I needed to get it done, and so I pushed through it until it was completed. I am very proud of myself for that, for math is my hardest subject and it took a lot of perseverance.

My current plan is to attend KVCC to get my associates degree. From there, I will go to a university so I can major in creative writing. I am not quite sure where in the creative writing field I will end up, but I am very open minded and will look into countless opportunities. I would also like to write my own media one day, whether it is books, comics, etc. It would not be my main job, but it is my passion that drives me to get into the writing field in general. It may take time and effort, but I will chase my dreams and make them happen.

My dual-enrollment classes are solid evidence of my preparedness. I completed two KVCC classes already during the fall semester. I got an A and a B in both of my classes, and had no issues keeping up with the course load. In the current spring semester, I am doing a creative writing course that I have enjoyed a ton. I am doing very well in it currently and only continue to do better as I improve my work. With all of this in mind, I have already worked with the financial aid and veterans office with my dads benefits to be able to guarantee my future for college. I will actually do three classes this upcoming summer semester, starting my college career a little early before starting full time in the fall. It can be scary at first, but once I got used to preparing for my classes and actually went to college, I got the hang of it and look forward to my continuation of school.

Other than being humble, I don't think I can really say what makes me deserve this scholarship more than someone else. I too am just another student trying to further my education and chase my career dreams as far as I can. I want to join the workforce while also being able to

do something I love. I would love to make an impact with my writing one day and hope to bring social advocacy with it. These things will take time and may not be guaranteed to happen, but I am determined to try anyways. I have an immense amount of passion, and I want to be able to use it to its full potential.