

Pueblo El Mirage Pickleball Club
Board of Directors Meeting
February 16 - 18, 2021
Email Meeting

- I. On February 16, 2021, Doug Gibbs sent an email to the board members to discuss the Faith House Shelter for Women fundraiser.
 - A. The annual golf tournament will be held on February 23, 2021.
 - B. Doug will work with Randy Bode to find volunteers to provide a fun 4th Tee and Green event, much like has taken place in previous years.
- II. Doug made a motion to donate \$200 to Faith House. This is the amount the club has donated in previous years.
 - A. Before discussion took place, six board members voted yes.
 - B. As a point of discussion, President Kelli Mollison wrote that while she supports Faith House, there are other ways that PEM has provided donations.
 - C. Kelli pointed out that this year, the club membership is about half what it was last year, and costs have skyrocketed due to printing and sanitation efforts.
 - D. Kelli suggested that the club reduce the donation amount.
 - E. One board member responded that he and his spouse would donate \$200 on behalf of the club, and several of the other board members responded in kind, stating that they would also make donations.
- III. On February 17, 2021, the board sent the following email to all club members, using the livepickleball software.

“For the past several years our pickleball club has made a \$200 cash donation to Faith House in association with the PEM Women’s Charity Golf Tournament. With our club membership much lower than in previous years and our operating expenses up due to the COVID-19 safety precautions, many of the board members, have decided to make personal contributions in lieu of using our club dues. If you would like to join by making a donation you can give cash or a check made out to “PEM Ladies Golf Association” with “Faith House” on the memo line. If you choose to donate, please drop your envelope off to Doug & Becky Gibbs at site #699 or drop it in the “IN-HOUSE” mail system to site #699 by February 22nd. Chairperson Amy Sherman has assured us that 100% of all monies donated go directly to Faith House.

We will also continue to support Faith House, a communal environment for women and children experiencing a crisis situation, by hosting a hole at the 4th Tee Box with prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin during the tournament on February 23. “
- IV. On February 18, 2021, Doug Gibbs received an email from Judy Graves, one of the club founders. She expressed disappointment that the board had decided to not support Faith House this year. “You are not supporting Faith House by hosting a hole and awarding prizes to players. That is simply entertainment for the golfers. It seems like every time

something comes up in today's world Covid [is] used as an excuse. I wish the board would reconsider their stance on this issue.”

V. Additional email discussion took place.

A. Craig Hutton suggested that the board members’ donations should be considered support by the pickleball club.

B. Craig pointed out that this might not be the charity that ALL club members want to support. Other members could start requesting donations for their favorite charities.

VI. After the email discussion, three members who had voted yes changed their vote to no. This created a tie vote, with the President voting no to break the tie. Therefore, the motion to donate \$200 to Faith House as in the past did not pass.