**Re:** Trustee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 7, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Town Hall

Attended: Jeff Balboni, Chris Nee and Kerry Pope

Excused:

## **Meeting Minutes**

• Jeff called the meeting to order

- The Trustees reviewed and approved the Jul 28, 2021 meeting minutes (Jeff motioned to approve the minutes and Chris seconded the motion, all were in favor)
- The Trustees reviewed and discussed the amount of cash in the trust fund accounts.
  - o Generally speaking the amount of liquidity is about 1-2% across most accounts
  - o Dalton is the one account that maintains about \$14k in liquidity
  - o Given recent market volatility, the Trustees elected to retain the additional liquidity until a better buying opportunity develops
- The Trustees discussed the macro economy:
  - The Fed announced the taper of the quantitative easing last month, reducing the purchases of \$120 billion per month of market securities by \$15B per month until completed around June 2022
  - More recently, the Federal Reserve has grown concern that the monetary and fiscal stimulus has contributed to inflation that will not be transitory
  - o Powell announced that the FOMC will consider a quicker pace of tapering so as to provide the Federal Reserve with greater flexibility to adjust monetary policy to combat the higher levels of inflation as appropriate
  - Many are now expecting the Fed to increase the pace of tapering to \$30B per month
  - The Trustees expect a higher degree on market volatility associated with the cross currents of increased Fed action and the new Covid variants
  - Given the markets, the Trustees believe that the portfolios are well positioned in high dividend paying equities
- The Trustees will review the Rye Trustee of Trust Fund's Investment Guidelines prior to the next meeting in preparation of a in depth review
- The Trustees adjourned the meeting at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry S. Pope, CFA

Rye Trustee of Trust Funds

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