

Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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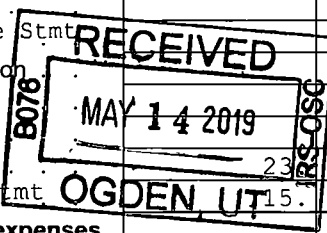
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For calendar year 2018 or tax year beginning , 2018, and ending , 20

Name of foundation: Virginia Bell Charitable Trust
A Employer identification number: 37-1078676
B Telephone number: (217) 544-1771
C If exemption application is pending, check here
G Check all that apply: Initial return, Final return, Address change, Name change
H Check type of organization: Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year: \$ 63,141.
J Accounting method: Cash

Table with 5 columns: (a) Revenue and expenses per books, (b) Net investment income, (c) Adjusted net income, (d) Disbursements for charitable purposes. Rows include Revenue (1-12) and Operating and Administrative Expenses (13-27).



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Part II Balance Sheets Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	67,647.	63,141.	63,141.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶ Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment, basis ▶ Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
	12 Investments—mortgage loans			
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule)			
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
15 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	67,647.	63,141.	63,141.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26, and lines 30 and 31.			
	24 Unrestricted			
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	67,647.	63,141.	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund			
29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds				
30 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	67,647.	63,141.		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	67,647.	63,141.		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances			
1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	67,647.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-4,506.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	63,141.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	63,141.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (for example, real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) ((e) plus (f) minus (g))	
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(i) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))	
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any		
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }		2	
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). See instructions. If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8			3	

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? Yes No
 If "Yes," the foundation doesn't qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see the instructions before making any entries.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2017	3,292.	66,632.	0.049406
2016	4,791.	69,828.	0.068611
2015	4,793.	74,569.	0.064276
2014	4,795.	79,292.	0.060473
2013	4,793.	83,983.	0.057071
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2 0.299837
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5.0, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years			3 0.059967
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2018 from Part X, line 5			4 62,194.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5 3,730.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6 6.
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7 3,736.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4			8 4,795.

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see instructions)

Table with 11 rows for excise tax calculations. Includes sub-sections 6a-6d for credits and payments. Columns for line numbers and amounts.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

Table with 10 rows for activity statements. Columns for question numbers, Yes, and No. Includes handwritten '2' next to row 9.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 11-16. Row 11: At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity... Row 12: Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund... Row 13: Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements... Row 14: The books are in care of Patrick J. O'Hara... Row 15: Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF... Row 16: At any time during calendar year 2018, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1a-4b. Row 1a: During the year, did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)... (1) Engage in the sale or exchange... (2) Borrow money from... (3) Furnish goods, services... (4) Pay compensation... (5) Transfer any income... (6) Agree to pay money... Row 1b: If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify... Row 1c: Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts... Row 2: Taxes on failure to distribute income... Row 2a: At the end of tax year 2018, did the foundation have any undistributed income... Row 2b: Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying... Row 3a: Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest... Row 3b: If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings... Row 4a: Did the foundation invest during the year any amount... Row 4b: Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year...

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

		Yes	No
5a	During the year, did the foundation pay or incur any amount to		
(1)	Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(2)	Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(3)	Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(4)	Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(5)	Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
c	If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d).		
6a	Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6b	X
	If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.		
7a	At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	7b	
8	Is the foundation subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, and foundation managers and their compensation. See instructions.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
Jeff Vose, Reg. Sup of Schools Sangamon/Menard Co. 2201 S. Dirksen Parkway Springfield IL 62703	Trustee 0.00	0.	0.	0.
Pamela Bauser, Menard Co Treasurer Menard County Courthouse Petersburg IL 62675	Trustee 0.00	0.	0.	0.
Rev. Paulette Cott, United Methodist Church PO Box 75, Athens IL 62613	Trustee 0.00	0.	0.	0.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 0

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. See instructions. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
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Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services **0**

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc	Expenses
1 This charitable trust has only a single activity; awarding scholarships only to graduates of high schools located in Menard County, Illinois	588.
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1 NONE	0.
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions 3 NONE	0.
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	0.

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	63,141.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	63,141.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	63,141.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1½% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	947.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	62,194.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	3,110.

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations, check here and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	3,110.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2018 from Part VI, line 5	2a	6.
b	Income tax for 2018 (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	6.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	3,104.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	3,104.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	3,104.

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	4,795.
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	4,795.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b. See instructions	5	6.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	4,789.

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2017	(c) 2017	(d) 2018
1 Distributable amount for 2018 from Part XI, line 7				3,104.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2018				
a Enter amount for 2017 only			437.	
b Total for prior years. 20, 20, 20				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2018:				
a From 2013	0.			
b From 2014	0.			
c From 2015	0.			
d From 2016	0.			
e From 2017	0.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	0.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2018 from Part XII, line 4. ▶ \$ 4,795.				
a Applied to 2017, but not more than line 2a			437.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions)				
d Applied to 2018 distributable amount				3,104.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	1,254.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2018 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	1,254.			
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount—see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2017. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount—see instructions			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2018. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2019				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required—see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2013 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2019. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	1,254.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2014	0.			
b Excess from 2015	0.			
c Excess from 2016	0.			
d Excess from 2017	0.			
e Excess from 2018	1,254.			

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

N/A

- 1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2018, enter the date of the ruling ▶
- b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year				(e) Total
	(a) 2018	(b) 2017	(c) 2016	(d) 2015	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon.					
a "Assets" alternative test—enter					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test—enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
c "Support" alternative test—enter					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)

- 1 **Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**
 - a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2))
NONE
 - b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.
NONE
- 2 **Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:**

Check here if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc., to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d. See instructions.

 - a The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed

See Supplementary Information Statement
 - b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include
 - c Any submission deadlines:
 - d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

Part XV Supplementary Information *(continued)*

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a Paid during the year Brooklyn Kesler 23115 Fairgrounds St. Petersburg IL 62675	none	none	scholarship	1,500.
Molly Nance 910 Springfield Rd. Athens IL 62613	none	none	scholarship	1,500.
Magdalene Monroe 23467 Curtis Blacktop Rd. Greenview IL 62642	none	none	scholarship	1,500.
Total				3a 4,500.
b Approved for future payment NONE		none	none	
Total				3b 0.

Form 990-PF: Return of Private Foundation**Part XV, Line 2: Supplementary Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc.** **Continuation Statement**

Name and Address Information	Form Information	Submission Information	Restrictions
Virginia Bell Charitable Trust c/o Patrick J. O'Hara, Attorney at Law, 2319 W. Jefferson St. Springfield, IL 62702 217-544-1771	Recipients are selected from "Students of the Month: named by the Menard Co. high schools on the basis of academic criteria.	May 1st of each year	Recipients must be attending Menard County, Illinois high schools

Additional information from your Form 990-PF: Return of Private Foundation**Form 990-PF: Return of Private Foundation****Taxes****Continuation Statement**

Description	Revenue and Expense per Book	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursement for charitable purpose
IRS Excise Taxes				

Total**Form 990-PF: Return of Private Foundation****Other Expenses****Continuation Statement**

Description	Revenue and Expense per Book	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursement for charitable purpose
Att'y Gen'l filing fee	15.	0.	7.	8.
Total	15.	0.	7.	8.