



Copper Mountain College Foundation
Joshua Tree, CA
Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
Community Room, Bell Center
February 22, 2016

In attendance: Renee Anderson, Karen Coghill, Jeff Cummings, Barbara Dunn, Stephanie Ince, Jean Lundin, Liz Meyer, Cathy Larson, Dean Pieper, Meredith Plummer, Jane Smith, Pete Wood, Chuck Uyeda, Diana Morris, Sandy Smith.

Not in attendance: Nancy Huntington, Aryssa Pasinos, Lesley Thornburg.

Honorary Board Members in attendance: none

Guests: Sherry Harwin, Dana Bailey, Elizabeth Schmelling

Call to Order: President Pete Wood called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

Public Comment: none

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve the agenda: Liz Meyer; Seconded: Dean Pieper. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2015 meeting: Chuck Uyeda; Seconded: Cathy Larson. Liz Meyer, Jane Smith, Renee Anderson, and Meredith Plummer abstained. Motion approved.

Executive Director Report: Sandy Smith also reported the Christine Proudfoot Student Activity Center is up and running. The donor wall has arrived on campus and will be installed soon.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Stephanie Ince noted the Foundation's investments are subject to the volatility of the stock market. Sandy Smith reviewed her recap of the unrestricted accounts income and expenses as of Jan. 31, 2016 and that we are on budget. There was a significant increase in Presidents' Circle donations.

Real Estate Report: Nothing to report.

CMC Superintendent/President's Report: Jeff Cummings reported the following:

- Health Sciences is having their annual Open House on Feb. 27, 2016 from 9-12 and is anticipating a good turnout.
- The college continues to talk about athletics on campus and how that would relate to the Foundation.
- The CMC Master Plan outline has gone out to constituency groups for review and comment.

- Jeff continues to work with Tom Baumgarten, Superintendent of MUSD, in establishing a consortium for Adult Education in the Morongo Basin. The state of California has allocated over \$500 million statewide to this program, thus underscoring the need.

Information and Possible Action Items:

- a. Pete Wood administered the Director oath of office to Sherry Harwin and welcomed her to the Board of Directors.
- b. Alumni Association—Chuck Uyeda introduced Aaron Kyle from Twentynine Palms. Aaron is a CMC alumnus and local businessman who is willing to dedicate 2-3 hours per week to launch an active Alumni Association. An ad-hoc Alumni Committee will be established. The Board brainstormed ideas for local involvement through events and social media.
- c. Finance Committee recommendations:
 1. Motion to approve Deavah Woodley Memorial Nursing Scholarship in the amount of \$6000 for two years: Chuck Uyeda; Seconded: Jean Lundin. The scholarship was established by Gene Woodley in memory of his late wife who was cared for at the Continuing Care Center by CMC graduates. Motion approved.
 2. Motion to approve First Command Financial Scholarship in the amount of four \$500 scholarships: Jean Lundin; Seconded: Chuck Uyeda. Motion approved.
- d. Fund Development Committee recommendations:
 1. Motion to commit to raising \$500,000 from new sources in the next 5 years: Liz Meyer; Seconded: Jane Smith. Motion approved.
 2. The Foundation will develop a short-term fundraising project based on the college's priorities.
 3. Establishing and financing a Martie Avels Health Science scholarship was discussed. The scholarship was originally financed by the Hospital Foundation who no longer support it. Sandy Smith has been talking to Martie about the possibility of the CMC Foundation establishing a Martie Avels Scholarship to be used to pay for LVN students' ATI testing at the cost of approximately \$5000 per year, as the Health Sciences account is depleted. Sandy will bring recommendations to the next meeting.
 4. Sandy will represent the Foundation at the Health Science Open House this Saturday, and asked for volunteers to help.
- e. The office is pleased to have received 36 Greenleaf applications this year. Paper screening has begun. The Greenleaf Ceremony will be held on April 14, 2016.
- f. *Try One on Us* update—Sandy Smith reported 12 of the original cohort are still enrolled at a cost of approximately \$1300 per person per year. The college receives \$4900 per student in FTES funds. The Finance Committee will re-examine the feasibility of the scholarship program for next year.
- g. The Golf Committee met and is starting to plan the tournament on April 23, 2016 at Hawks Landing Golf Course. Meredith and Lesley have volunteered to chair the sponsor/raffle sub-committee per Chuck Uyeda, Golf Chair.

Board Training:

- a. The Board packet includes the Board Development Committee ad-hoc Nominating Committee SOP as a reminder of the process for Board membership and leadership.
- b. Sandy Smith reviewed the Cycle of Fundraising: Identifying and Cultivating Small Local Businesses. Liz Meyer committed to inviting Sky's the Limit members to the next Presidents' Circle luncheon featuring the college's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs on March 31, 2016. The local water board members will be invited to the lunch as

well. Sandy will make a “cheat sheet” of talking points for Board members to use when speaking to the community about the college and the Foundation.

Next Meeting Information or Possible Action Items:

- a. Special guest: BNY Mellon Portfolio Manager, Syndia Attardo
- b. *Try One on Us*
- c. Golf committee update
- d. Presidents' Circle
- e. CMC commercials
- f. Martie Avels scholarship

Written Reports/Director Comments:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Morris, Clerk for the Meeting and
Jean Lundin, Secretary _____

**The regular meeting of the Foundation Board will be March 28, 2016 in the Community Room
of the Bell Center**