



**Copper Mountain College Foundation**  
**Joshua Tree, CA**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Board of Directors**  
**Community Room, Bell Center**  
**January 26, 2015**

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

**Not in attendance:** Lesley Thornburg, Nancy Huntington

**Honorary Board Members in attendance:** none

**Guests:** none

**Call to Order:** President Pete Wood called the meeting to order at 5:42pm.

**Public Comment:** none

**Agenda Approval:** Motion to approve the agenda: Chuck Uyeda; Seconded: Barbara Dunn. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting: Cathy Larson; Seconded: Chuck Uyeda. Motion approved.

**Executive Director Report:** The new architect will be on campus this Friday for a meeting regarding the completion of the Christine Proudfoot Student Activity Center. Liz Meyer questioned the new Board of Trustees Scholarship which led to a lengthy discussion of the Foundation's Gift Acceptance Policy. The Board Manual Task Force will be asked to readdress the current policy, especially as it pertains to scholarships.

**Treasurer's Report:** Stephanie Ince reported the Finance Committee met and carefully reviewed the financial statements from the first half of the fiscal year. Unrealized losses and Proudfoot Center spending account for the negative numbers. Syndia Attardo, our BNY Mellon Portfolio Manager, will be the guest at the February 23, 2015 Board of Directors' meeting.

**Real Estate Report:** Barbara Dunn provided a map of a proposed property donation in Yucca Valley. The lots are not easily accessible and the sellers want the Foundation to pay for back taxes and the appraisal fee. The item is tabled until the next meeting when more information is available about the title to the property.

**CMC Interim Superintendent/President's Report:** Jeff Cummings met with Pete Wood recently to discuss how the Foundation can help the college realize its goals. Jeff handed out copies of the campus Institutional Priorities and Strategic Plan. He suggested the Foundation conduct annual planning and long term goals as well as short-term planning in concert with the District to help move

the institution forward. Some of the college's priorities include updating marketing strategies, increasing enrollment, and the Basin-wide Education Summit in March.

Liz Meyer added the Fund Development Committee will be meeting this Thursday, January 29, 2015 and will prioritize and plan for the upcoming year. All are welcome to attend.

**Information and Possible Action Items:**

- a. *Try One on Us*—80% of CMC students receive the California Board of Governor's Grant (BOGG) waiver. Sandy Smith handed out a prospective cost breakdown of providing tuition and books for one year for up to 20 students. The exact number of Greenleaf applicants will be available at the February meeting at which time the topic will be discussed further. Jeff and Sandy will put a written proposal together for the next meeting.
- b. The Basin Wide Educational Summit to be held March 6, 2015 is being well received by the community.
- c. The Foundation will consider having a Strategic Planning meeting or retreat in the fall.

**Board Training:** Pete Wood suggested the 2002 Foundation Master Agreement with the college be reviewed and updated.

**Next Meeting Information or Possible Action Items:**

BNY Mellon Portfolio Manager, Syndia Attardo

*Try One on Us* pilot program

Yucca Valley property update--Barbara Dunn

Fund Development Committee update—Liz Meyer

**Written Reports/Director Comments:**

Sandy Smith reported a good turnout for the Zero Run event.

Pete Wood thanked the Board for their hard work and effort in support of the Christine Proudfoot Student Activity Center fundraising the past two years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.  
Respectfully submitted,

Diana Morris, Clerk for the Meeting

Administrative Assistant II and

Jean Lundin, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

**The next regular meeting of the CMCF Board will be February 23, 2015 in the Community Room, Bell Center.**