



Copper Mountain College Foundation
Joshua Tree, CA
Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
Community Room, Bell Center
May 18, 2015

In attendance: Karen Coghill, Jeff Cummings, Barbara Dunn, Nancy Huntington, Cathy Larson, , Jean Lundin, Liz Meyer, Stephanie Ince, Dean Pieper, Renee Shelton-Anderson, Jane Smith, Pete Wood, Sandy Smith

Not in attendance: Meredith Plummer, Vala Stults, Lesley Thornburg, Chuck Uyeda

Honorary Board Members in attendance: Bud Garrett

Guests: Robert Wanless, Aryssa Pasinos

Call to Order: President Pete Wood called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Public Comment: Adjunct English Professor Robert Wanless thanked the board for publishing all 19 editions of the HOWL. He would like to see a celebration for the 20th edition next year, perhaps two editions with one a limited edition of the Best of the Howls and explore the possibility of a celebratory fundraising dinner.

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve the agenda: Jane Smith; Seconded: Jean Lundin. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015 meeting: Liz Meyer; Seconded: Cathy Larson. Jane Smith abstained. Motion carried. Jean Lundin mentioned she was grateful for the board training of RSVP protocol last month.

Executive Director Report: Sandy Smith showed the Veteran's Service Club of America video.

Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Ince distributed a memo regarding unrestricted funds and related budget concerns and noted that there is some disagreement regarding the interpretation of the Bell Trust. It is Stephanie's understanding that Leota's desire was to keep the funds in the hi-desert with CMC and that the funds are used for programming. By her interpretation, the operation of the Foundation can be considered a viable program. Pete Wood mentioned salaries were a big part of our budget and are non-negotiable. He also noted that last year's fundraising events went to the CPSAC. Sandy Smith has a few leads on the Ada Hatch Childcare Center. Nancy Huntington recommended reading the Bell Trust documentation in Section B of the Board Manual.

Real Estate Report: Barbara Dunn fielded a call from Brad Kuwata representing a family trust. They wanted to donate 2.5 acres that they inherited; the parcel is actually 20 acres and they now want to sell it.

CMC Interim Superintendent/President's Report: Jeff Cummings was welcomed as permanent Superintendent/President. He stated the Board of Trustees made it clear they wanted him involved in the community. He has already joined Joshua Tree National Park Association, Mojave Desert Land Trust, and Basin-wide Foundation. He will be facilitating community forums this summer to assist in future planning. Student, staff and committee surveys have already been deployed.

Information and Possible Action Items:

- a. Motion to approve Nominating committee recommendation of the Slate of Officers, 2015-16 of Pete Wood, President; Dean Pieper, Vice President; Jean Lundin, Secretary; and Stephanie Ince, Treasurer. Renee Anderson; Seconded: Liz Meyer. Motion carried.
- b. Motion to approve Renee Anderson as an independent director of the Board. Cathy Larson; Seconded: Liz Meyer. Motion carried.
- c. Information from Nominating committee that Fred Bryant has resigned from the Board effective March 2015; Vala Stults and Mario Villascas' terms will expire in June 2015.
- d. Information from Nominating committee that Dean Pieper and Karen Coghill will continue to represent their constituency groups for 2015-16. Liz Meyer, Trustee is appointed until December 2015 and Aryssa Pasinos is the student representative 2015-16. Two at-large members will be appointed by President in early Fall.
- e. Motion and second by Finance committee to accept the audit engagement letter from Messner & Hadley. Motion carried.
- f. Motion and second by Finance committee to undesignated #2110 Health Sciences and move to unrestricted funds. Future LVN funding requests may be funded from Bell Trust.
- g. Motion to accept the 2015-16 budget as presented. Cathy Larson; Seconded: Renee Anderson. Motion carried.
- h. Motion to take Institutional Researcher out of Bell Funds as a program. Stephanie Ince; Seconded: Liz Meyer. Motion carried. Finance committee will discuss with Meredith Plummer an end date for funding of IR.
- i. Motion that membership in Presidents' Circle be reserved for \$1,000 per Fiscal Year (FY) specifically to the Presidents' Circle unrestricted fund. Stephanie Ince; Seconded: Jean Lundin. Motion carried.
- j. CMC Funding Request for new sound system in the Community Room was further discussed with alternative options presented by Bud Garrett. Sandy Smith will meet with Jolie Alpin to discuss options.
- k. Motion to approve Funding Request by Steve Parkin for materials and transportation of equipment in support of Chemical Analysis Project with Joshua Tree National Park (JTNP) not to exceed \$5,700.00: Liz Meyer; Seconded: Dean Pieper. Motion carried.
- l. Update on CPSAC – plans are at the Department of State Architecture (DSA).
- m. Annual meeting invitations were distributed.

Board Training: None

Next Meeting Information or Possible Action Items:

- a. Installation of Officers
- b. 3rd Read: CMC Funding Request for sound equipment
- c. Treasurer will bring proposal to utilize Bell Trust for unrestricted budget to July meeting.
- d. Fall Dinner

Written Reports/Director Comments: None

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Smith, Executive Director and
Jean Lundin, Secretary _____

The next meeting will be the Annual Installation Meeting and Dinner on June 22, 2015 at La Palapa in Yucca Valley.