



**Copper Mountain College Foundation
Joshua Tree, CA**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
Bell center Community Room on Monday, January 24, 2022**

In attendance: Chuck Uyeda, Renee Anderson, Mariah Banerjee, Mary Jane Binge, Brandon Burdett, Chelsi Chastain, Karen Coghill, Kevin Cosgriff, Greg Gilbert, Kris Mitchell, Daren Otten, Meredith Plummer, Jeewanjot Singh, Sara Hutson.

Not in attendance: Mario Villescas, Kristina Suydam, J. Ovier Alvarez, Jim Brakebill, Ginger Cowan, Veno Nathraj, Ron Sears, John Zaccaria, Sandy Smith.

Honorary Board Members in attendance: None

Guests: None

Call to Order: President Chuck Uyeda called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm.

Public Comment: None

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve the agenda: Renee Anderson moved, seconded by Kris Mitchell. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021 Board meeting: Meredith Plummer moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mary Jane Binge. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Written handout.

Executive Director's Report: Written handout. Daren Otten reviewed with the board and highlighted that the Greenleaf Scholarship application is open, along with other scholarships. Please encourage any students you know to apply. Chuck Uyeda asked board members to please share social media postings from the Foundation when you see them, it will help spread the word.

CMC Superintendent/President's Report: Written handout. Daren Otten reviewed with the board. Daren Otten highlighted that the district continues to address covid protocols for the college, as they are continually evolving. He has had questions with regards to upcoming in person events and noted that intent continues to be to have them happen within the constraints safety and health and will continue to be flexible and resilient with the challenges that we all have been dealing with. Today was all staff day and the spring semester starts on Friday, January 28th with classes in person and online. The district is facing upcoming financial challenges. Governor Newsom's budget that just came out does go a long way in recognizing California Community Colleges on par with K-12, this is the first time that has happened.

Community Colleges are still not funded at the same levels the USC or UC's are. Governor Newsom recognizes some of the challenges that face the community colleges and is trying to address these issues, in particular the cost of running an institution and enrollment, there is still a lot of work to be done in Sacramento. Copper Mountain College has a pretty robust and structured plan to address these things. Dr. Otten was pleased with the support, questions and attendance of his first Coffee meeting in Twentynine Palms last week. There is another one coming up soon at Hawk's Landing in Yucca Valley to chat with the community members about the college. He encourages everyone to attend and spread the word. There will also be one down the line in Joshua Tree this year.

Information and Possible Action Items:

- A. President Chuck Uyeda swore in CMC Board of Trustee's Representative Greg Gilbert and CMC Student Representative Mariah Banerjee.
- B. Real Estate Report: Sara Hutson reported that there have not been any viable property potential donations to review.
- C. Casino Nite: Renee Anderson, chair. Renee Anderson handed out ticket and information packets to the board for the upcoming Casino Nite, March 12, 2022. She encouraged everyone to think of potential sponsors and approach them and to attend tomorrow's committee meeting that is being held via zoom.
- D. IRS Form 990 draft Foundation 2020-2021 - handout. Chuck Uyeda said that the Finance Committee recommends the board approve the draft for filing, with several small corrections to his name on the draft. Meredith Plummer moved to accept the IRS Form 990 with the corrections, seconded by Mary Jane Binge. Motion carried.

Board Training: Board Training: none

Director Comments:

Mary Jane Binge: Thank Daren Otten for hosting the wonderful Christmas Party and food, the rest of the board concurred.

Chuck Uyeda: The Golf Scramble committee met and discussed June 4th as the proposed date for the Golf Scramble at Hawk's Landing in Yucca Valley. The committee also discussed having on in the fall, maybe September, at Roadrunner Dunes in Twentynine Palms, as they have always supported the Foundation and this would be a good way to support them in turn. The other thing is the flooring at the Childcare Center is coming along. They have finished two of the larger room, prepped another and will finish off with the smaller rooms. Chelsi is very pleased and told Chuck Uyeda that the parents are as well. Chuck Uyeda invited the board to stop by and check it out. Chuck Uyeda also encouraged everyone to attend the Chamber Mixer at the Men's Basketball game on February 16th, starting at 5:00pm.

Chelsi Chastain: Invited everyone to attend the upcoming Spring Kickoff on Campus on February 3rd in the 300 Quad from 10 am to 2pm, there will be a taco plate lunch. Please come out, see what is happening.

Next Meeting February 28, 2022 Agenda Items:

- o Real Estate Report
- o 20th Anniversary
- o Casino Nite Update
- o eTeamSponsor fundraising platform

Written Reports/Director Comments..... All, as needed

Athletic Booster Subcommittee Minutes, draft none

Board Development Committee Minutes, none

Finance Committee Minutes, draft January 10, 2022

Fund Development Committee Minutes, draft January 10, 2022

Real Estate Subcommittee Minutes, none

Board Calendars: handout

Board Meeting Calendar(s): President Chuck Uyeda presented along with the 2021-2022 Men's Basketball schedule and the Chamber Mixer at the Men's Basketball game on February 16th, starting at 5:00pm and the CMC updated academic calendar for 2021-2022.

There being no further business President Chuck Uyeda adjourned the meeting at 5:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Hutson, Clerk for the Meeting
And Renee Anderson, Secretary



**THE NEXT CMCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 28, 2022, Bell Center Community Room, 5:30pm**