



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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
Bell center Community Room on Monday, February 28, 2022**

In attendance: Chuck Uyeda, Mario Villescas, Mariah Banerjee, Mary Jane Binge, Jim Brakebill, Chelsi Chastain, Karen Coghill, Kevin Cosgriff, Greg Gilbert, Kris Mitchell, Daren Otten, Jeewanjot Singh, John Zaccaria, Sara Hutson, Sandy Smith.

Not in attendance: Renee Anderson, Kristina Suydam, J. Ovier Alvarez, Brandon Burdett, Ginger Cowan, Veno Nathraj, Meredith Plummer, Ron Sears.

Honorary Board Members in attendance: None

Guests: None

Call to Order: President Chuck Uyeda called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Public Comment: None

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve the agenda: Mario Villescas moved, seconded by Karen Coghill. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022 Board meeting: Kris Mitchell 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. Sandy Smith reviewed with the board and highlighted that the upcoming events. Thanked Daren Otten and staff for holding down the fort while she was in quarantine, she's glad to be back.

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. Daren Otten stated that Ken Simonds, the Women's Basketball Coach and CMC Athletic Director will be leaving to spend more time with his family and less time commuting. His efforts and leadership have stabilized and expanded CMC Athletics during a very challenging time for sports competition. CMC will be starting the process to hire a Woman's Basketball Coach for next year's season and will also be evaluating internal options for the Athletic Director role. Additionally, CMC has hired a Woman's Volleyball Coach for the upcoming season who will get started much earlier than last year to build a complete team for the Fall 2022. The Men's basketball team is in the playoffs with the first playoff game tomorrow, March 1, 2022 at LA Southwest. CMC continues to be challenged on

enrollment. Over the last three years, FTES has dropped by 9%, which is not as bad as COD with a 35% drop in their enrollments. CMC has not been as impacted as many regional schools, but we still need to be very diligent in our outreach and recruitment efforts as well as adding new programs.

Information and Possible Action Items:

- A. Real Estate Report : J. Ovier Alvarez – no report
- B. Foundation Board Annual Self Evaluation: Chuck Uyeda said that evaluation will be going out to all board members soon via Survey Monkey and asked that everyone please complete it as soon as possible. This will give enough time for the information to be compiled and presented back.
- C. Casino Nite: Sandy Smith gave an update, the event preparations are going well with ticket sales and sponsors. Please continue selling tickets, we have a little under two weeks before the event. Sandy Smith said the Renee Anderson is asking for board member volunteers for the event during the evening, in small blocks of time.
- D. Gala of Sweets, Yucca Valley Sunset Rotary Fundraiser to benefit CMCF, April 2, 2022
There will also be a Deal or No Deal portion of the event, which is always fun. Sandy Smith encouraged all board members to purchase tickets and attend the event. Sandy Smith also asked the board to help with auction items for the event. There is a meeting with Sandy Smith, Kris Mitchell, Renee Anderson and members of the Yucca Valley Sunset Rotary on March 2, 2022 in the Greenleaf Library at 2:00 pm to start coordinating on the event and the Foundations role. As Sandy Smith gets more information she will update the board on the event.
- E. Athletic Booster update – Karen Coghill, Chair gave an update: The Men’s basketball team is in the playoffs with their first playoff game tomorrow night, March 1 at 7pm at LA Southwest. Please go to: www.fightingcacti.com for up-to-date info. CMC and Spike named Grand Marshall for Yucca Valley Grubstake Days in May 2022. The Annual Golf Tournament is slated for June 4, 2022 at Hawk’s Landing. Mario Villescascas and Chuck Uyeda are chairing the event. Work will begin in earnest at the end of April for the event.

Board Training: Greenleaf Endowment

Sandy Smith reviewed the Greenleaf Endowment, Sec D 9.1 Greenleaf Endowment Summary, 11-19-13 with the board. Sandy Smith also gave an update on the 2022 scholarship applications with 11 being turned in. With the passing of Judge Bert Swift, who was involved from its inception and is missed, she is looking into who the representing interviewer will be, the Greenleaf Trust specifies that it be a Juvenile Court Judge.

Director Comments:

Jeewanjot Singh: He is still collecting POS donations and change at his Mobile Station in 29 Palms and is looking to educate the public about the Foundation and what they do. Sandy Smith, Chuck Uyeda and Mary Jane Binge gave him a brief overview of CMC and its inception, how it is a Community College that was started and built by the Community. Sandy Smith will

post her Z107.7 interview on the Foundation's Facebook page. Jeewanjot Singh presented the board with a check representing POS donations of \$188 and matching funds of \$112 to bring it to \$300.00.

Chuck Uyeda: Chuck Uyeda said that the reason Veno Nathraj has not been at meeting recently is because his son in Orange County is very ill and he has been spending a lot of time in Orange County with his son. Chuck Uyeda asked for everyone to keep them in their prayers.

Next Meeting February 28, 2022 Agenda Items:

- o Real Estate Report
- o 20th Anniversary
- o Casino Nite Update
- o Greenleaf Scholarship
- o Foundation Board Annual Self Evaluation

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

Athletic Booster Subcommittee Minutes, draft none
Board Development Committee Minutes, none
Finance Committee Minutes, draft February 22, 2022
Fund Development Committee Minutes, draft February 22, 2022
Real Estate Subcommittee Minutes, none

Board Calendars: handout
Board Meeting Calendar(s): President Chuck Uyeda presented along with the CMC updated academic calendars for 2021-2022 and 2022-2022.

There being no further business President Chuck Uyeda adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm

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



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