



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

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

In attendance: Chuck Uyeda, Mario Villescas, Kristina Suydam , Mariah Banerjee, Jim Brakebill, Brandon Burdett, Chelsi Chastain, Karen Coghill, Greg Gilbert, Kris Mitchell, Daren Otten, Ron Sears, Sara Hutson, Sandy Smith.

Not in attendance: Renee Anderson, J. Ovier Alvarez, Mary Jane Binge, Kevin Cosgriff, Ginger Cowan, Venno Nathraj, Meredith Plummer, Jeewanjot Singh, John Zaccaria.

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: Kris Mitchell moved, seconded by Mario Villescas. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022 Board meeting with amendments of adding Jim Brakebill as attending meeting and correct Karen Coghill as moving to approve agenda: Kris Mitchell moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Ron Sears. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Written handout.

Executive Director's Report: Written handout. Sandy Smith reviewed with the board and noted the upcoming Greenleaf Scholarship interviews of the finalists are to be on Thursday, March 31, 2022, ceremony has been moved to May 12th after the CMC Board of Trustees' meeting. Highlighted the ACCESS/DSPS Advisory Board meeting on April 5, 2022 at 1:00 pm, EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs Advisory Board Meeting May 11, 2022 at 9:00 am, and asked if anyone would like to attend to let her know, she will RSVP for you. Chelsi Chastain said that the Campus Experience will have an advisory meeting on May 6, 2022 in the am, she would welcome anyone attending, please let her know.

CMC Superintendent/President's Report: Written handout. Daren Otten reviewed with the board. Daren Otten thanked everyone for their hard work on Casino Nite, believes it was a success. CMC has been awarded the 2021-2022 Higher Education Student Grant Program Appropriation to conduct a housing feasibility study and assess the need and opportunity over the next couple of months and could be put in for a larger funding amount for CMC student housing. Hot off the press, as of April 1, 2022 it will no longer be required to wear masks indoors on campus. This is subject to change as the district continues to address the continually evolving covid protocols for the college.

Information and Possible Action Items:

- A. Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest Code 2021-22 due April 1, 2022: handout.
Dr. Otten said that elected officials or executives who sit on boards with a fiduciary responsibility need to disclose possible conflicts of interest to mitigate and minimize any potential problems for public entities. These are due by April 1, 2022 to the Foundation Staff and will be kept in the President's Office to be available on demand. Sandy Smith said that this policy will be reviewed for next year to see if it still applies to the Foundation Board members as the SOP already has a conflict of interest form that is completed by all board members each fiscal year.
- B. Foundation Board Annual Self Evaluation: email
Chuck Uyeda addressed the need for this to be completed by each board member ASAP. Sandy Smith said that it was resent to board members that have not yet completed it.
- C. Nominating Committee activation: Mario Villescas, Chair
Chuck Uyeda activated the committee and Mario Villescas will call a meeting. Mario Villescas said that the Nominating Committee consists of the Executive Committee.
- D. Greenleaf Scholarship Fund: handout.
Sandy Smith reviewed with the board and noted that with the passing of Judge Swift there is a vacancy of the 4th interviewer for the finalists. She is working on who that 4th person would need to be for the 2023 interview panel. UPMIFA gives guide lines for investment of funds CA charities but does not address this quandary. Several ideas were put forth from the board for Sandy Smith to look into for next year's interview panel.
- E. Casino Nite Update: Renee Anderson
Sandy Smith gave the update in Renee Anderson's absence, the event made \$5,100 and there were approximately 125 people in attendance. The Fund Development Committee debriefed and have suggestions for next year's event.
- F. Yucca Valley Sunset Rotary Fundraiser to benefit CMCF, April 2, 2022: handout.
The Foundation has tickets if you would like to attend, or know someone who would like a ticket. Sandy Smith was told that Sunset Rotary has finished their cases and auction baskets for the event.
- G. Golf Scramble: Mario Villescas, Chair
Mario Villescas and Chuck Uyeda asked that everyone start soliciting sponsors, raffle baskets and prizes and talk to your friends about being a participant. Chuck Uyeda said if you would like a sponsor packet to ask the Foundation staff to print out for you. Sandy Smith said that the website is live and she is updating the brochure. There is an 84 player max at Hawk's Landing for 21 teams and they need to know how many golfers a couple of weeks prior to the June 4, 2022 event.
- H. Real Estate Report : J. Ovier Alvarez
Sandy Smith said that there is no report. Chuck Uyeda said that J. Ovier Alvarez had surgery a couple of weeks ago and seems to be doing well.

Board Training: UPMIFA: handout

Sandy Smith reviewed with board and said that page 38 and 39 are the "cliff notes". The Foundation has been and is continuing to be good stewards of all funds but especially the Greenleaf Scholarship

endowment. The Finance Committee will review the \$500 stipend awarded to all Greenleaf Scholarship finalists.

Director Comments:

Kris Mitchell: Duck Pluck is slated for July 20th, thank you to Chuck and Gail Uyeda for volunteering their pool again. There will be a theme and sponsored baskets this year. Please contact Kris Mitchell to be on the committee. Kris Mitchell said she and Sandy Smith are working on the September Anniversary Gala <https://www.mightycause.com/story/Cmc20> and will have more information after the Golf Scramble. Kris Mitchell said that they are looking at holding it in the 300 quad on the grass.

Mario Villescias: Asked that board members to please think of anyone that might be a good fit for the board and put their name forward to him or Chuck Uyeda for processing and vetting. Sandy Smith said that there are still a couple of names to be reviewed from last year. Chuck Uyeda stressed that the board needs Yucca Valley representation on the board.

Chuck Uyeda: Veno Nathraj update – his son has pancreatic cancer, he is home and sleeps a lot with the medication he is on.

Next Meeting April 25, 2022 Agenda Items:

- o Real Estate Report
- o 20th Anniversary
- 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 March 21, 2022
- Fund Development** Committee Minutes, draft March 21, 2022
- Real Estate** Subcommittee Minutes, none

Board Calendars: handout
Board Meeting Calendar(s): President Chuck Uyeda presented

There being no further business President Chuck Uyeda adjourned the meeting at 6:17 pm

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



**THE NEXT CMCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 25, 2022, Bell Center Community Room, 5:30pm**

