



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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
Bell Center Community Room on Monday, September 26, 2022**

In attendance: Renee Anderson, Ron Sears, Kris Mitchell, Kristina Suydam, Brandon Burdett, Chelsi Chastain, Karen Coghill, Greg Gilbert, Daren Otten, John Zaccaria, Sandy Smith, Sara Hutson.

Not in attendance: J. Ovier Alvarez, Mariah Banerjee, Jim Brakebill, Kevin Cosgriff, Meredith Plummer, Jeewanjot Singh, Mario Villescascas.

Honorary Board Members in attendance: Chuck Uyeda.

Guests: none.

Call to Order: President Renee Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Public Comment: none.

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve the agenda: Kris Mitchell moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Kristina Suydam. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2022 Board meeting: Kris Mitchell moved, seconded by Daren Otten. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Written handout. Sandy Smith mentioned that the Finance Committee is reviewing the Childcare Center rent for a possible increase in January 2023.

Executive Director's Report: Sandy Smith spoke to her written handout. Sandy Smith highlighted that she attended the MBTA board meeting last Thursday expecting an \$8,000 TAG Grant to offset the bus pass purchases for the 2022-2023 FY and was pleasantly surprised when they granted \$12,000.00. Yucca Valley Sunset Rotary donated \$1,000.00 to the Nursing Program.

CMC Superintendent/President's Report: Daren Otten spoke to his written handout, highlighting several items. Daren Otten said thank you to everyone involved in the 21st Anniversary Dinner, it was well done. The November 2022 election will be the first for the CMCCD Board with districting. Eva Kinsman, District 5, will not be running and there has not been anyone to run for this district. If you know of anyone that might be a good fit or is interested, please let Daren Otten know. The CMCCD Board will need to appoint someone to

take that position by the November Board meeting for the December Board meeting. Liz Meyer, District 4, is running unopposed.

Information and Possible Action Items:

- A. CMC Foundation Office Move: Renee Anderson stated that the office has officially moved into the 100 Quad in the same building as the President's Office and that Steve Brown, CMC's Public Relations and Event Specialist is also in the same office.
- B. CMC Vocational Nursing Program Class of 2023 ATI Funding Request. Sandy Smith presented the handout for the \$16,977.09 request. Several donations from Yucca Valley Sunset Rotary, Mr. and Mrs. Sabol, and Joshua Tree Rotary to the Nursing Program will help offset this expense. Kristina Suydam moved to approve the funding request for the \$16,977.09 amount, seconded by Karen Coghill. Motion carried.
- C. 21st Anniversary Dinner update: Sandy Smith said that there is a \$4,000.00 profit after expenses and several pending pledges from attendees. There is some of the bar alcohol left which will be used at the Festival of Wreaths in November. Sandy Smith will put together a photo recap of the event and pledge request.
- D. Festival of Wreaths – Meredith Plummer, Chair. Sandy Smith said the committee will be meeting via zoom on this upcoming Thursday with the event on November 20, 2022, at 2 pm. Cassie Fleck will be the bartender and she is bringing two workers with her, there is beer, wine, etc. for the bar. Kris Mitchell will be going door to door with packets to local businesses asking if they are interested in participating with a wreath, silent auction item, ornament, or dessert. Please let her know if you are interested in going out with her. If you know of a business that would like to participate, please take a handout for them. Sandy Smith said that Meredith Plummer is looking for volunteers and is hoping to have 200 people attend this year. Sandy Smith will be printing posters to promote the event, along with postcards, etc. Sandy Smith said that Steve Brown, CMC's Public Relations and Event Specialist is working with Chloe Allred, CMC Art Instructor on a student art contest and having those items for sale at the event.
- E. Upcoming Events:
 - 1) Orchid Festival at Gubler's Orchids on October 1 from 10 am to 5 pm and October 2 from 10 am to 3 pm
 - 2) Trunk or Treat Beer Garden at the 29 Palms Farmers Market on October 29 from 5 pm to 9 pm
 - 3) Trunk or Treat at the CMC Bell Center on October 31 from 5:30 pm to 8 pm
 - 4) Athletic Booster Snack Bar at each Volleyball home game

Board Training: San Bernardino Combined Giving Campaign, handout. Sandy Smith said that the CMC Foundation was approved to participate again this year with their kick-off on October 1, 2022, and asked that each board member to please encourage any county workers they know to sign up through their county payroll portal. Sandy Smith sent out a ½ minute slide show. Dawn Rowe helped get CMCF signed up originally.

Director Comments:

John Zaccaria: The anniversary dinner was wonderful and asked if a different day/time could be looked at for future events, maybe earlier or a brunch?

Renee Anderson: She has tried to reach J. Ovier Alvarez about his board membership and he has been unreachable. He has not been installed or been attending meetings. Sandy Smith said she would draw up a letter to send out. John Zaccaria mentioned that Jeff Poland or Russell Gibbs might be interested in helping with our Real Estate Committee and Take Your Land to College program.

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

Athletic Booster Subcommittee minutes, draft none. Karen Coghill, chair gave a brief update on players, reand minded the board members about the Trunk or Treats coming up in October.

Board Development Committee minutes, draft, none.

Finance Committee minutes, draft September 19, 2022.

Fund Development Committee minutes, draft September 19, 2022.

Real Estate Subcommittee minutes, draft none.

Board Calendars: handout

Board Meeting and event calendar(s)

Next Meeting October 24, 2022 Agenda Items:

- o J. Ovier Alvarez
- o Childcare Center

There being no further business President Renee Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Hutson, Clerk for the Meeting

And Kris Mitchell, Secretary



**THE NEXT CMCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 24, 2022, Bell Center Community Room, 5:30 pm**