



WEST HILLS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 19, 2014



CALL TO ORDER

President Ann Stone called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:05 a.m. Don Warkentin led the board members and audience in the flag salute.

Board members present:

Ann Stone, President
Ernie Drewry, CFO
Katie Delano, Vice President
Steve Cantu, Trustee Director
Jeff Garcia, Community Director
Sharon Gordon, Community Director
Frank Gornick, Staff Director
Carole Goldsmith, Staff Director
Laura Mendes-Moore, Secretary
Nina Oxborrow, Trustee Director
David Silvierra, Community Director
Ken Stoppenbrink, Staff Director
Don Warkentin, Staff Director

Board members absent:

Fred Harrell, Community Director

Others present:

Frances Squire, Executive Director
Olga Keough, Accounting Technician
Tina Simas, Foundation Secretary
James Preston, Dean of Educational Services

Introduction of Guests

The Foundation board and guests made self-introductions. Frances thanked the board and guests for their attendance.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Committee Reports

Frances stated the Finance Committee meeting was cancelled; there are no new financials to report from the advisors due to being midway through the quarter. She also discussed the foundation board meeting schedule in relation to end-of-quarter reporting. The investment advisors need one month after the end of each quarter to prepare their reports and then the foundation needs two weeks to prepare and distribute agendas. Instead of bi-monthly meetings, quarterly meetings would provide a better fit with this schedule. A bylaws revision will be required to allow this.

The Foundation Board reviewed the WHC Foundation Budget Status for December 2013 to January 2014.

Action Items

The following agenda items were approved:

- On a motion by Frank Gornick, with a second by Carole Goldsmith, the minutes of the January 22, 2014, board meeting were approved as submitted and carried unanimously.
- On a motion by Ernie Drewry, with a second by Frank Gornick, WHCCF Board Policy & Procedure *Liquidating and Dissolving Dormant Funds* Policy was approved as submitted with no changes and carried unanimously.
- On a motion by Ken Stoppenbrink, with a second by Nina Oxborrow, William Bordeaux was nominated to serve as Community Director for the foundation board. The motion was approved and carried unanimously.

West Hills College Coalinga and North District Center, Firebaugh – Dr. Carole Goldsmith, President

Carole announced that three vans full of students, along with four instructors, were on their way to the water rally in Fresno. Carole noted this is part of the student's civil engagement, and an important event for students' education and she wants to ensure that students have the opportunity to attend.

Carole provided a brief overview of her visit with the California Community College Chancellor's office where a discussion was held about a statewide initiative called the *Priorities Project*. Many of the projects goals are modeled after West Hills Community College District's efforts in priority registration. As part of a statewide marketing plan the, State Chancellor's Office will focus on featuring students including students from West Hills College Coalinga. A video and photography crew was on site and took photos of students at WHCC including on the farm, in the library and in athletics. Carole thanked Sandy McGlothlin for coordinating that event. Carole noted that Tom Wixon also worked with the State Chancellor's office and West Hills College will be able to use those photos as well. Carole added the photos tell a story of the valley.

Carole announced a new tradition is being started at West Hills College Coalinga. With the help of Al Graves, WHC has partnered with the Fresno Cycling Club and the Coalinga athletics department to host our first annual Metric Century fundraising bicycle ride on April 12, 2014. All proceeds go directly to the President's Scholars Program.

Carole commented on the rodeo March 21st & 22nd and encouraged everyone to be sure to catch the calf dressing event. Carole thanked David Castillo and Bruce Hunt for all their hard work in helping to coordinate this event.

Carole noted the baseball coach is doing a great job with the students, the team has a GPA higher than average. Interviews are scheduled to replace Bruce Hunt who is retiring.

West Hills College Lemoore – Mr. Don Warkentin, President

Don announced that West Hills College Lemoore is very active. The Lemoore campus was selected as one of twelve colleges to become *Achieving the Dream Colleges for 2014*. The program will assist with our goal of improving completion rates for graduation and transfer. Two academic leaders will come to campus in the fall to assist us in our goal attainment.

Don commented that the Ninth Annual *Gospel and Gumbo* event was just held in the Golden Eagle Arena and there were 250 to 300 in attendance. The culinary department provided gumbo and local African-American church groups provided great music. Dr. Deborah Blue, chancellor for the State Center CCD, was the keynote speaker this year. Don noted this event gets bigger and better every year.

Don announced upcoming events on campus:

April 4th *Wine & Wellness*, this event helps support the nursing program and the culinary students.

Thanks to the efforts of Ralph Herrera and Joe LauLetta a new Paramedic program will be coming to campus in June.

Graduation is May 22, 2014, at 6:30pm. Guest speaker this year is Dr. Joseph Castro, the president of Fresno State.

April 25, 2014, is Eagle Dayz. This event brings local area high school seniors on campus where they will complete orientation, financial aid, and meet with an advisor to work out an education plan. This date ensures high school students meet priority registration requirements to get the classes they need to start successfully.

In sports, West Hills College Lemoore has been asked to consider hosting the basketball state tournament in 2016.

The campus will hold a student union building ground breaking ceremony on May 12, 2014. This building will house SGA and help support campus life. Frances added this is a great naming opportunity.

Chancellor's Report – Dr. Frank Gornick, Chancellor

Dr. Gornick stated the campus presidents are doing a great job with campus activities. Dr. Gornick discussed the Apple project between the Apple Corporation and West Hills College, which will provide faculty with an iPad loaded with software to assist and use in teaching. IPADs will also be available for students. Students attending full-time will be given the opportunity to lease an iPad. Dr. Gornick told the group that students who attend full time have a much higher completion rate. Out of 2,300 students, there is an 87% completion rate from full time students, half time students are at 68%, less than half time students are at 49%. The Apple Project will give students a real incentive to attend full time.

Dr. Gornick mentioned the possibility of a baccalaureate program and said there will be a process to consider options.

Dr. Gornick mentioned that there have been initial discussions with bond consultant Dale Scott related to campus needs. At West Hills College Coalinga, a campus redesign is being considered. At West Hills College Lemoore, the currently available local bond proceeds are being used to finance the new student union building. North District Center is high on the State Chancellor's list when the next statewide higher education bond passes. There are also discussions for funding options for new residence halls in Coalinga and a new district office.

Dr. Gornick noted that there are 18 people retiring this year, some faculty, some administration and staff.

Executive Director's Report – Frances Squire, Executive Director

Frances commented on all the exciting things happening at the campuses. Frances noted that she was in Firebaugh for the water hearing and found it very interesting to see students so involved.

Frances announced the scholarship application closed March 1st. There are 100 students who have applied for the President's Scholars Program. The foundation golf tournament primarily funds the President's Scholars Program and is in much need of support.

Frances noted that she and Dr. Gornick are making progress with donor visits.

Frances announced Woolf Farming has started a new scholarship starting this year at \$500. Once fully endowed, the scholarship may be increased.

Frances commended on some interactions with donors; Chevron has a real interest in the Avenal, Huron and Coalinga area. PG&E is very engaged and will be visiting Don's campus for a scoping hearing.

Frances noted that the *Essential Elements* series will start on March 27, 2014, and Victor Davis Hanson will speak. Frances encourages all to attend the event.

Frances announced the *Alumnus of the Year* nominations are due by April 2, 2014.

Announcements and Presentations

James Preston introduced himself and gave a presentation on *Team Teach*.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am.

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/s/ Laura Mendes-Moore
Laura Mendes-Moore
Secretary, Board of Directors