

CLARK STATE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, June 15, 2022 @ 11:30 a.m.
Brinkman Educational Center

Minutes

Directors present: Patti Phillips (Vice Chair), Cindy Barnett, John Brown, Sharon Doyle, Sue Evans, Paul Newman Jr., Peggy Noonan, Jo Ann Rigano, Tera Thornton, and Ben Vollrath

Staff present: Christa Bostick, Dr. Matt Franz (virtual), Lo Houser, Karen Hunt, Dr. Tiffany Hunter, Dr. Dawayne Kirkman, Toni Overholser, Doug Schantz, and Dr. Rick Woodfield

Welcome. Vice Chair Patti Phillips welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. She opened the meeting with some facts about this day in history and a quote from Ella Fitzgerald: "Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong." She then congratulated Dr. Hunter on her new job as President of Paradise Valley Community College and thanked her for all she has done while at Clark State. She introduced Dr. Rick Woodfield as Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs and welcomed him to Clark State.

Minutes. In Bill Brougher's absence, Patti presented the minutes from the April 20, 2022 meeting. John Brown made a motion to approve, Cindy Barnett seconded, and the minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Financials. In Kathy Nelson's absence, Doug Schantz presented the financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2022. The fund balance is \$14,019,506, compared to the \$13,841,463 balance from December 31, 2021. There is no investment report today due to the recent change of investment managers. A motion to approve the financials was made by Jo Ann Rigano, seconded by Sue Evans, and was approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Audit/Investment Committee. In Chair Bill Brougher's absence, Patti Phillips reported that the Committee met earlier in June to review the budget for the new fiscal year. Toni explained the various budgets within the Foundation and because the budget has been prepared prior to fiscal year-end, actual numbers will be reported at the next meeting. A motion to approve the budget was presented on behalf of the Finance Committee and was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resource Development Committee. Chair Jo Ann Rigano reported that \$4,380.17 was raised at the 5K fundraiser on April 30. The Committee feels this was a success considering the weather conditions and that this was our first event of this kind.

This year's Presidential Awards Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27.

Governance Committee. In Chair Kerry Pedraza's absence, Toni Overholser reported that the Committee met to review the Foundation bylaws and committee structure. Toni reviewed proposed changes and there was discussion regarding clarification.

Jo Ann Rigano made a motion to accept the proposed changes as written. The motion was seconded by Paul Newman.

Further discussion was had regarding the structure of the Friends of the Performing Arts and Conference Center committee. Some Board members felt that the Committee should be maintained as a formal committee of the Foundation. Others felt the committee should play an advisory role with the Resource Development Committee and Finance Committee; given the fact that all members are not Foundation Board members governed by our bylaws and code of conduct.

When the vote was called, the Board was split on the decision. Patti Phillips, acting Board Chair, decided to send the bylaws revisions back to committee for further review and recommendation.

Scholarship Committee. In Chair Nettie Carter-Smith's absence, Toni reported that the Committee met this month and presented a report covering scholarship numbers for the last two years. She explained that the overall total funds distributed for this year were lower; this was due to the Foundation not having to fill gaps in HEERF funding this year and a higher number of Scholars students being eligible for Pell. The majority of scholarship recipients were first-generation college students.

STANDING REPORTS

Chairman's Report. Vice Chair Patti Phillips announced that Joe Monnin and Paul Newman Jr. will not be returning to the Board after this year and thanked them for their years of service to the Board. Mitch Hurst has also completed his second year as Board Chair and will step down from that role but will remain on the Board.

Patti reported that two individuals have applied for Board membership – Sarah Mays and Daragh Porter. Additionally, Katherine Hoptry has been nominated to fill the Vice Chair position beginning next year. Board members were given ballots to vote and all three were approved by unanimous vote.

Patti then announced that the Board will begin meeting quarterly, which will align with preparation of financial reports. The proposed meeting schedule, beginning with the next year, will be October, January, March and June. Board members in attendance supported this change.

Board of Trustees Report. Peggy Noonan stated that she was out of town for the May Board meeting and therefore did not have a report. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be June 28.

President's Report. Dr. Blondin is unable to be at today's meeting, and there is no report. Toni Overholser informed the Board that the state Capital budget has been approved by the legislature.

Director's Report.

- Scholars Program – Karen Hunt reported on the following:
 - Of the 46 high school seniors, 28 have enrolled at Clark State and 6 are attending other schools
 - There are currently 54 students enrolled at the College level
 - Upcoming events include mentor meeting (June 23), "Welcome back to campus" event (August 18), new academic year celebration (September 15)
 - We are still looking for mentors for all locations
 - Toni reported that students in foster care who relocate to another district are still eligible for Scholars scholarship
- Project Jericho – Lo Houser reported on the following:
 - Summer programming is in progress with a literacy and books theme – programs include hand-built ceramics and woodworking
 - They are awaiting Clark County Commission's funding and should know by June 29
 - Lifebook program will be held in July
 - They will be repeating "Building the Band" program in late July and August
 - Family programming begins in July

- Toni reminded everyone that the College's 60th anniversary celebration will be on June 30
- College for Kids and Teens program is going well; survey feedback has been positive
- Please note the dates at the bottom of today's agenda; the next Board meeting will be October 19, 2022

Adjourn. Patti asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Ben Vollrath, seconded by Cindy Barnett, and approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Overholser
Foundation Director