



Foundation Board Meeting
March 25, 2004
Fremont Chamber of Commerce
Fremont, California

Directors Present

Aboumrad, Salwa
Amsbaugh, Don
Archer, Dan
Avila, Harry
Bonior, Cindy
Foster, Ruthe
Geha, Rick
Griffin, Jim
Haas, Frank
Pirrone, Anita
Ryle, Kim
Sisk, Shirley
Stewart, Gael
Treadway, Doug
Villasana-Fuerniss, Gloria
Vincent, Jan
Yee, Garrett

Directors Absent

Boyle, Valerie
Chiu, Herbert
Danielson, Pat
Farber, Nancy
O’Gorman, Vicki
Siddique, Affif
Valles-Redfearn, Winnie
Willett, Lou
Zutshi, Jeevan

Staff Present

Koelkebeck, Robin
Birkedahl, Patrice
Peebles, Johari

WELCOME

President Rick Geha called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m. He then welcomed all members and the members introduced themselves.

MINUTES

Gloria Villasana-Fuerniss moved acceptance of the Minutes of Executive meeting February 19 and Board meeting July 17, 2003, seconded by Gael Stewart and passed.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Rick Geha

Rick requested nominations for new Board members. The following names were proposed: Frank Haas, Shirley Sisk, and Jan Vincent. Gloria Villasana-Fuerniss moved approval, seconded by Gael Stewart, and passed.

The status of the By-laws was discussed. Robin Koelkebeck recommended that the 1, 2, and 3 year terms be brought back into balance so that each year one third of the Board would be up for re-election. Robin also recommended that the Title President of the Foundation be changed to Chairperson to avoid confusion with the President of the College Board and the Vice President to be changed to the Vice Chairperson.

The following recommendations were also made: Review the By-laws annually, lower the quorum to 10 Directors, and add the immediate Past President (Past Chairperson) to the Executive Committee.

Rick Geha requested that nominations for the Board be made at the May meeting and revision of the By-laws be voted on at the May meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Anita Pirrone

The annual audit is in the hands of the Foundations Auditors, Gilbert & Associates. The Foundation's accounting is now being done by the College Business Office and the Foundation's records will be on the next accounting cycle.

The Foundation is reviewing QuickBooks for Non-Profits software as a replacement for Raiser's Edge software, which is too complex for the size of the Foundation.

Dan Archer suggested that the Foundation Board have a tour of one of the College Departments.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Treadway

Dr. Treadway suggested a review of the responsibilities and duties of the Foundation be done by the Auditors and legal counsel.

Jim Griffin was thanked and recognized for his service on the College Oversight Committee. Frank Haas will succeed Jim in this capacity.

The Goodell Scholarship for Deaf Students is \$30,000.

Five new positions are to be filled including the Dean of Deaf Students. The position pays \$40,000 to start and prefers someone with a Masters or Doctorate degree.

A Community Symposium will be held April 1, 2004 at 7-9 a.m. at Washington Hospital's Mowry West Campus to review and input on the College's 5 year Strategic Plan.

A Chinese Delegation of 5 people from Taizhou, China will visit the College in April to learn how to form a Community College in their City. Ohlone College will be the first in the U.S. to start a Community College outside the U.S. Dr. Treadway noted that 25% of the College's students are of Chinese ancestry.

Harry Avila recommended that Isabel Chiu, a local Chinese CPA, be contacted to serve on the Welcome Committee.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Rick Geha

The Annual Golf Tournament will be held September 24th at Poppyridge in Livermore.

The Citizen of the Year Luncheon will be on October 29th. Committee members are: Salwa Aboumrad, Rick Geha, Shirley Sisk, Anita Pirrone, Jan Vincent, and Kim Ryle.

The Board Retreat is yet to be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS – Robin Koelkebeck

1. A “President’s Circle” is being established. Members are being sought who will contribute \$1,000 per individual, \$2,500 for small businesses, and \$5,000 for large businesses. The Circle will have 2 social meetings a year. Half the funds so generated will go towards operations and half will go to the Endowment Fund. Dr. Treadway, Robin Koelkebeck, and Don Amsbaugh became the first members of the President’s Circle.
2. The Heritage Society is being formed to recognize donors who name the Foundation in their will or final papers. Gloria Villasana-Fuerniss, Don Amsbaugh, and one anonymous donor are the initial members.
3. Dr. Herbert Chiu tendered his resignation to the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Robin Koelkebeck

The Ohlone College Speech and Debate Team was a Gold Medal Winner at the State Championship Tournament. They will now go to the National Tournament. They have requested \$800 to offset the cost of a hotel room for the seven-night tournament. Shirley Sisk moved approval of the \$800, seconded by Anita Pirrone, and passed.

A discussion ensued regarding the need for a review of what funds are available for such grants from the General Fund, the Scholarship Fund, and the Emergency Fund.

The Ohlone College Foundation’s membership in the Fremont Chamber of Commerce is up for renewal. It was agreed that the Foundation should continue its membership in the Chamber of Commerce as well as the Newark Chamber of Commerce.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be May 13, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Amsbaugh, Secretary