

**SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE FOUNDATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, February 26, 2013 ♦ 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

**Present:** Ben Green, Linda Gilstrap, Patti Finnegan, Jean Roesch, Melinda Nish, Humberto Peraza, Melyn Acasio, Joe Martinez, Kimberly Paul, Chayo Moreno, and Cynthia Reyna.

**Absent:** Dukie Valderrama, Mitch Thompson, Jesse Navarro, David Hoffman, Ruben Garcia, Holly Hiding, and Hank Murphy

**Recorder:** Dawn Perez

**1. WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER – Ben Green**

President Green called the meeting to order at 7:40 am and welcomed everyone.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION (Enclosure) – Ben Green**

A. Motion made by Patti Finnegan, seconded by Melyn Acasio and unanimously approved to approve the minutes for January 22, 2013.

**3. REQUEST FOR FUNDS – ACTION (Enclosures) – Hank Murphy and/or Joe Martinez**

A. Requests for Funds Summary – Action

Joe Martinez explained the process that was used in prioritizing the requests currently before us as well as requests that we expect to be before us, and what has already been funded this year and the funding priority category assigned to the different requests. Recommendations from the RFF committee as follows:

- Increase funding \$9,000 for a total allocation for this fiscal year of \$30,000. Motion made by Patti Finnegan, seconded by Kimberly Paul, unanimously approved.
- Allocate an additional \$2,500 to SODA bringing the approved funding level to \$12,500. Motion made by Joe Martinez, seconded by Melyn Acasio, unanimously approved.
- Fund the following four requests at 90% of the amount asked for. Motion made by Joe Martinez, seconded by Chayo Moreno, unanimously approved.
  - SWC Sun in the amount of \$6,750
  - Architecture Club Design Village Competition in the amount of \$1,800
  - Guest Writers Series in the amount of \$900
  - Athletic Hall of Fame in the amount of \$160 (@ 100% of amount requested)

Discussion took place about the need to fund community events and have an opportunity to network in the community and show a presence. Many directors expressed the need to set aside at least 10% of the funding allocation to be used to support community events. This is necessary to our efforts to fundraise. Discussion also surrounded the need to fundraise through other avenues in addition to special events (gala and golf tournament) such as a membership/annual/corporate drive. At the May 2013 meeting the RFF Committee will bring forward a recommendation how to distribute the funding allocation for next year.

**4. TREASURERS REPORT – (Enclosure) – David Hoffman**

A. Financial Report – David Hoffman

The financial report was presented by Ben Green. He explained the new report format that he worked with Alma to create in an effort to have a clearer, easier to understand report.

**5. REPORTS – Ben Green**

A. Fundraising Committee

- Volunteer to chair Fundraising Committee
- Spring Golf Tournament – Patti Finnegan
  - Budget

She asked each director to bring in at least one foursome. She also reported that Dukie and Jessie have agreed to oversee the auction/raffle. All of the collateral materials will be emailed to everyone. Thanks again to Hank Murphy and Sycuan for their very generous support.

- Gala 2013 – Melyn Acasio

- Consensus was reached to hold the Gala on September 21, 2013 at the SWC campus.

6. **GOVERNING BOARD REPORT – Humberto Peraza**

Trustee Peraza reported that negotiations continue with the faculty and he is confident that additional funds will be forthcoming.

7. **SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT REPORT – Melinda Nish, Ed.D.**

Dr. Nish thanked everyone for supporting the Sun. She also reported that the Accreditation team responded to the college's mid-term report very favorably. They did, however, ask for a special report on the findings of the Grand Jury. We do expect a visit from the Accreditation team, most likely over the summer. Regarding the budget, we are expecting additional funding, however, we won't know for certain until the May revise is out. We are continuing to cut costs. Also in the budget is a proposal to shift Adult Education from K-12 to community colleges. Dr. Nish has had some preliminary conversations with Sweetwater Union High School District's Superintendent about this. Approximately 130 attended our community forum for our Facilities Master Plan. You are invited to the March 20<sup>th</sup> open meeting for review of the Master Plan. She informed them of what is being proposed for the corner lot.

8. **UPCOMING EVENTS – Ben Green**

- Brown Act training, February 27 @ 6:30 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT – Ben Green**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.