



MINUTES

Barstow College Foundation

January 28, 2014

Learning Resource Center Conference Room

Items 1 & 2 – Call to Order and Roll Call: The regular meeting of the Barstow College Foundation Board of Directors was held on January 28, 2014 in the Learning Resource Center on the Barstow Community College campus, 2700 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Wendi James at 6:00 p.m. Present were Directors Abel Contreras, Bob Clemmer, JoAnne Cousino and Julie Hackbarth. Bea Lint, Lorraine Barnes and Dr. Jim Pinto were absent. Also present were Maureen Stokes, Danielle Chavez, Trustee Tim Heiden, Maureen Davis, Jeri Justus and guest Adam Abdulla. Dr. Deborah DiThomas was available through conference call.

Public Comment – George Walters, the new Vice President of Administrative Services introduced himself to the board and his appreciation for their support of Barstow Community College.

Item 3 – Consent Calendar – There was a motion by Bob Clemmer and seconded by Julie Hackbarth to approve the consent calendar consisting of the January 28 meeting agenda, October 22 meeting minutes, November 16 special meeting minutes and deposits and expenditures for the months of October, November and December, along with miscellaneous reports and correspondence.

Item 4– Report-Financial Deposits & Expenditures - Maureen Davis discussed the check detail and deposits for the month of October. Deposits of income for October were in the amount of \$12,208.00. Expenditures for the month of October were in the amount of \$5,073.00. Deposits of income for November were in the amount of \$10,420.00. Expenditures for the month of November were in the amount of \$16,068.23. Maureen Davis noticed that she needed to make a correction to the December financial reports. She stated that the correction would be made and would be brought back to the February monthly meeting.

Item 5-Report- Thrivent Investments- Jim Loken was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. He plans to attend the February meeting.

Item 6– Report–Action Plan and Committee Reports- Jeri Justus stated that she has made several phone calls and meetings with community members and affiliates of other organizations to gain information and insight into different planning processes.

Item 7– Report – Barstow Community College Board Meeting – Wendi James stated that she attended the meeting and it went well. She announced that the college is moving forward with plans to become

more efficient through solar energy and possibly other means as well. Trustee Tim Heiden confirmed this and announced that 4 groups have given presentations on their proposal for the college.

Item 8– Report – Foundation Liaison Report- Maureen Stokes stated that the Foundation received a letter from the Optimist Club regarding capital that currently funds the Strive Scholarship. It was agreed that more clarification needs to be made on the money and where the finances stand from this donation. It was asked that this item be put on the agenda next month.

Item 9– Recap – Lights & Learning- Danielle Chavez provided a handout with the breakdown of profits and expenses from the event. The net profit totaled \$11, 416.11. There was an increase to the previous year. Jeri Justus offered the suggestion that the tree raffle be a more publicized event in the future taking place before the event date and not just selling tickets the evening of the festivities.

Item 10 –Update – Osher Scholarship- Maureen Stokes stated that Bea Lint was looking for an update on this scholarship. Bea Lint was unable to attend the meeting. Maureen Stokes announced that she did not receive the information needed to provide this update from Financial Aid in time to give the update.

Item 11 – Update & Discussion – Strive Scholarship– Maureen Stokes discussed the proposed revisions to the Strive Scholarship application; students who now apply for the Strive Scholarship must apply for Financial Aid first through a FASFA. It has also been defined as a 4 semester scholarship instead of a 2 year award period. It was agreed that the revised parameters of the criteria better suit the intentions of the scholarship. It was also agreed that fundraising measures that support this scholarship may also need to be addressed as the interest is not generating enough money in all periods to cover the expenses.

Item 12 – Discussion – Honors Day Budget – Jeri Justus announced that this year’s award ceremony would remain in July, but take place at 6 p.m. in the evening. She asked that the budget be approved for \$800. This is in line with the budget amount awarded last year.

Item 13 – Discussion – Honors Day Scholarship & Selection Process – Maureen Stokes announced that the scholarship process will take place entirely online this year. This new procedure will be an anonymous process for those judging scholarship recipients. She also addressed the need for a cap on the amount of money students can be awarded through Foundation Scholarships. Trustee Tim Heiden expressed the need for more diversity in the students who are awarded monies. Dr. Deborah DiThomas asked that there be a joint committee between the college and Foundation instead of two separate judging panels. It was asked that this item be brought back next meeting for further discussion.

Item 14 – Action – Honors Day Budget – There was a motion by Bob Clemmer and a second by Julie Hackbarth to approve budget of \$800 from the General Fund to assist with the event expenses for Barstow Community College’s 2014 Honors Day Ceremony. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 15 – Discussion – Scholarship Endowment Awards – This item was tabled until the February Meeting.

Item 16 – Action – NRG Donation – There was a motion by Julie Hackbarth and a second by JoAnne Cousino to accept the donation of \$5000 from NRG to the Barstow College Foundation. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 17 – Action – Southern California Edison Donation– There was a motion by Abel Contreras and a second by Bob Clemmer to accept the donation of \$25000 from Southern California Edison to the Barstow College Foundation. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 18 – Action - Anonymous Donation – There was a motion by Bob Clemmer and a second by JoAnne Cousino to approve the donation of \$5000 from an anonymous donor to the Barstow College Foundation. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 19 – Action – Molly Adams Donation – There was a motion by Bob Clemmer and a second by JoAnne Cousino to accept the donation of \$5000 from Molly Adams to the Barstow College Foundation. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 20 - Board Comments –

Julie Hackbarth asked that more information on the purpose of donations be put on agenda with the action item.

Trustee Tim Heiden emphasized the need for the college and the Foundation to work more closely together this year, as it can only benefit the students.

Abel Contreras introduced his guest, Adam Abdulla. Adam hopes to become a member of the Foundation Board of Directors. Abel Contreras hopes to continue to bring new guests to future meetings.

Adam Abdulla stated that he is eager to help in the community and to join the Barstow College Foundation.

Jeri Justus stated that she is happy to be working and that she is excited to see fun new ideas taking place within the Foundation. She announced that she put a request in for a list of all the business licenses in town in hopes of reaching out to new potential donors. She also announced that she may have 2 prospective new members who are interested in joining the board.

Bob Clemmer said that he was happy to see people willing to help, not just with financial resources but with their dedication, time and effort.

Wendi James thanked Jeri Justus for her diligent work. She also welcomes Trustee Tim Heiden to the board and Adam Abdulla to the meeting.

Item 12- Next Meeting- The next meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors is scheduled for February 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Item 13– Adjournment: There was a motion by Bob Clemmer and a second by JoAnne Cousino to adjourn the meeting. President Wendi James adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Danielle Chavez – Recording Secretary

Wendi James – President