



Southwestern Michigan College Foundation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2024
Foundation Room – Dowagiac Campus
12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Welcome

The meeting was convened at 12:06 p.m. by Board President Carole Schmidt.

Members Present: Carole Schmidt, Tom Ellspermann, Joe Odenwald, Michelle Kite, Mike O'Brien, Dick Judd, Krin Jurgensen, Becky Moore, Patty Patano, Jan Barkell, Ron Gunn, Bruce Springsteen, Terry Groth, Greg Lozeau, David Tate, Bill White, Tom Jerdon

Members Absent: Julie Dye, Michele Boyd, Susan Dobrich, George Wehrle, Deborah Hackworth

Approval of Agenda

The August 2024 agenda required no changes. Terry Groth moved, seconded by Becky Moore to approve the August 2024 agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 2024 regular convened meeting required no changes. Dick Judd moved, seconded by Patty Patano to approve the April 2024 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

College Update: Dr. Joseph Odenwald, College President

Dr. Joseph Odenwald gave the College Update.

Foundation Board Update: Dr. Carole Schmidt, Foundation President

Dr. Carole Schmidt gave the Foundation Board Update.

Executive Director Update: Mike O'Brien, Chief Marketing Officer

SMC Athletics: News and Schedules –

All teams have had a successful recruiting season. The volleyball and cross-country teams are ready to begin. The Roadrunner Classic will be the weekend of November 1.

50th Steve's Run –

This was the 50th Anniversary for Steve's Run. Going forward we would like all board members to participate in some way for this event. We had 355 runners participate this year. Final financials are being tabulated.

Financial Report/Quarterly Donations: Michelle Kite, SMC Foundation Treasurer

Members reviewed the financial report and quarterly donations (attachment). Total donations were received, for the quarter, in the amount of \$24,000.

Foundation Committee Updates

Investment Committee Update: Michelle Kite reviewed the quarterly investment report.

New Business

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Patty Patano, to accept the Bylaw updates of Executive Director and Secretary positions. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Terry Groth, to approve Carole Schmidt-President, Tom Ellspermann-Vice President, Diana Bosch-Secretary and Michelle Kite-Treasurer as officers of the Foundation. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Jerdon moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to approve Emily Schrock as Executive Director. Motion passed unanimously.

Terry Groth moved, seconded by Bill White to approve the following meeting dates for 2024-2025: October 29 meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by a volleyball game, April 22, July 22. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Reminder that fall classes begin September 3. The first home volleyball game is on September 19 and cross country will have a close meet for the Bethel Invitational at St. Patrick's Park on October 11.

Adjournment

Carole Schmidt moved to adjourn at 1:38 p.m. Patty Patano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events

Fall Classes Begin, Tuesday, September 3
Volleyball Home Opener-Thursday, September 19, 6:30 p.m.
Investment Committee Meeting, October TBD