



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on January 11, 2023 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was convened at 8:00 a.m. by Board Chairman Tom Jerdon. Jerdon will act as acting secretary in the absence of Beth Cripe. No objections were made.

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Becky Moore, Keith McKenzie, Dr. Elaine Foster, Tracy Hertsel, Todd Obren

Members Absent: Beth Cripe

Tom Jerdon and trustees welcomed Todd Obren to the Board as he was elected the previous November.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Tom Jerdon opened the meeting to nominations for election of Officers. Becky Moore moved, to re-elect Tom Jerdon as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Keith McKenzie as Vice Chairman, Becky Moore as Treasurer and Beth Cripe as Secretary. The motion of this slate of officers was supported by Tracy Hertsel. At discussion of the motion, there were no motions to amend or other motions for nominations. The motion was then passed unanimously. Tom Jerdon thanked the trustees for their support of all officers.

Minutes of the December 14, 2022 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Tom Jerdon stipulated an amendment to Agenda to move #4(b) to #4(c) and insert as a new item for #4(b) as: "proposed Long Range Planning date change." Keith McKenzie moved this motion as stipulated, supported by Tracy Hertsel. Motion passed unanimously.

One individual was recognized for their service at the College:

Mr. Matt Collins was recognized for his years of service and Trustee Todd Obren presented him with a 5-year pin.

Public Input

No individual requested to speak.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2022 was received and placed on file.

Dr. Odenwald's President's Report consisted of some happy news for the Spring Semester of 2023. For the first time in nine years, on spring opening day, SMC's headcount was over the previous year. Our spring housing is above 90% capacity; last year we were at 83%. Along with re-instating intercollegiate

athletics, we got here by on-line courses designed by faculty, better dual enrollment numbers, improved retention, our caring staff and sharp marketing. Dr. Odenwald also let the board know that strategic planning will begin this Friday with Dr. Richard Gooding of Strategic Advantage. He will be working with Cabinet and President's Council.

Trustees gave the administration a round of applause for all of the effort and work performed by them year around.

Discussion Items

Trustees reviewed the listing of gifts given to the Foundation, with fifty-one individual donations for a grand total of \$46,051.62. Tom Jerdon thanked the administration for such fine work with development work obtaining so many individual donors.

Dr. Odenwald proposed to move the Long Range Planning session from May to June. Diana Bosch will contact trustees to get a date in June suitable to all trustees and same to be reviewed at next meeting.

Action Items

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Elaine Foster, to accept with gratitude the gifts to the College shown in attachment 5A, with three individual donations to the College in the amount of \$862.50. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

Administration to contact trustees concerning suitable date in June for Long Range Planning.

Adjournment

Becky Moore moved to adjourn at 8:22 a.m. Tracy Hertsel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



Thomas F. Jerdon, Acting Secretary



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