



Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 – 8:00am-8:45am
Via Zoom

MCF Board of Directors Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Aguilar | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jill Haney | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Harris | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Hoffman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Loprieno | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Miller | <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Peplinski | <input type="checkbox"/> David Pollock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Samantha Sale | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathryn Stiles(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Weaver (VC) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anita Venkataraman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eckhard Walter | <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Clark (T) | | |

Staff Members (Ex-Officio) Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julius Sokenu (CFO) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deborah Klein | <input type="checkbox"/> Amanuel Gebru |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Rees | <input type="checkbox"/> Alicia Hoffman | <input type="checkbox"/> Maria Perez-Medeiros |

MCF Honorary Board Members Present:

- Sylvia Sullivan

Recorder: Linda Resendiz

C=Chair, VC=Vice Chair, T=Treasurer, MAL=Member-at-Large, FC=Foundation Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Chair Haney at 8:00 a.m., a quorum was present.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Approve the Agenda (vote):** Chair Haney presented the agenda to the Board

Board Member Tim Weaver moved to approve the agenda as presented. Board Member Tom Harris seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with a unanimous 12-0 vote.



II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Approve the April 6, 2022 Minutes (vote):** Secretary Styles delivered the report to the board.

Board Member Eckhard Walter moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 2022 with non-substantial changes. Board Member Tim Weaver seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a unanimous, 12-0 vote.

III. CHAIR REPORT

- **Campaign Update:** Chair Haney delivered the report to the Board, reporting the following:
 - 48% of goal has been attained raising a total of \$115,858 and thanked the Board.
 - The FY22 goal is \$240,000.
 - Other opportunities are coming in and work on other grants has started.
 - Questions regarding donation tracking should be directed to Chief Development Officer Klein and Chair Haney.

IV. COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **Campus Updates:**

President Sokenu reported on the following:

 - Moorpark College has made it to semi-finalists for the Aspen prize. MC is one of 25 colleges nationwide and one of two colleges in California selected. Top 10 colleges will be announced in June. If MC makes it to the top 10, an Aspen committee will visit the campus and ask questions. The winner of the \$1,000,000 prize to support college work will be announced in spring 2023.
 - Mara Rodriguez, Zoo Development Coordinator for EATM, was selected as state Classified Employee of the Year by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. Mara was nominated as Classified Employee of the Year for Moorpark College then by VCCCD. She will receive her recognition on Monday, May 23 in Sacramento.
 - Three finalists have been identified for the Chancellor position. Chancellor Forums will be held on Tuesday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. Each candidate will present to the college community and have an hour to answer questions. The candidates will then be interviewed in the afternoon by the Board of Trustees.
 - COVID-19 protocols have changed. As of May 19, all screening stations will go away, but employees, visitors and guests will continue using the app to monitor health and wellness. As of now, 95% of employees have been vaccinated.



Vice President of Academic Affairs Mary Rees reported on the following:

- May 20 Commencement Ceremony. Students from last year and this year will have the opportunity to participate and be recognized. Commencement will be at 5 p.m. in the stadium.

V. DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

D. Klein

- **General Updates:** We will have a booth at the upcoming Cal Cup on Saturday, May 27 to share information on Moorpark College and its programs and also welcome prospective students. Debi thanked the board members who joined in volunteering during the Simi Valley Street Fair. She mentioned that many alumni stopped by the booth and received contact information. She said that she and Julius have been hosting daily donor tours and have several local officials coming on to campus this week and next week. There are some looking at the gym and stadium for sponsorship opportunities. She announced that she hired a new student worker who will be helping with the database and alumni outreach. She said that she is currently in the process of interviewing candidates for the Office Assistant position that will assist the IA/CR/Alumni Association. She also provided an update on the following items:
 - **Alumni Outreach:** A lot is going on. There is a meeting scheduled this afternoon and hopes to incorporate some alumni activities. There are some ideas on creating some alumni evenings, similar to the Kinky Boots experience.
 - **Grant:** The draft for Montecito Bank has been completed. The focus of the grant is Raider Central and Basic Needs. She asked the Board that as they see or hear of grant opportunities to please send them her way. She mentioned she has a great working relationship with a few program directors.
 - **Commencement:** Scheduled for May 20 in person in the stadium. The entire Foundation Board will be invited and a number of business leaders from various advisory committees as well as city council members and mayors to a special VIP reception at 3:30 p.m. Special student programs will be introduced during that time.
- **Retreat Update:** Retreat is being planned. Jill is currently working on solidifying the date. The focus will be on the review of the strategic plan that is currently under development. Samantha is leading the effort.
- **Mission, Vision & Values:** Efforts of the Foundation are going forward.
- **Strategic Planning:** Samantha is leading the efforts.



BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

T. Weaver

- Tim provided a summary report. He mentioned that Dr. Hani Youssef is the new Superintendent of the Simi Valley Unified School District. He said the interview went well and Hani is looking forward to working with the Foundation. Tim mentioned that Youssef is a great addition to the Board and will continue the relationship the Foundation has with Simi Valley Unified School District. Tim said that the majority of students that come to Moorpark College are from Simi Valley.

Tim entertained a motion to approve Hani to be a Director of the Foundation Board and be effective immediately, but will be present in June. President Sokenu moved to approve the motion. Board Member Michael Hoffman seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

- Tim will notify Hanif that he is now the Director of the Foundation Board.

VI. ALUMNI COMMITTEE

D. Klein & J. Sokenu

- Debi mentioned that there is a meeting scheduled this afternoon and all are welcomed to join. The focus now is bringing people back to campus for a variety of activities focusing on performing arts and athletics as well as tours of some of our labs.
- Debi mentioned that she had a call with Robert Rosenberg re: presenting the keynote speech at the upcoming. The discussion was about our scholarship breakfast. She encouraged all to attend. The event is taking place on Saturday, May 14 at 10 a.m. in the Campus Center. Mr. Rosenberg will be attending with other alumni.

VII. BUDGET & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

T. Weaver & J. Clark

- **Appointing Co-Chair:** Tim mentioned that moving forward Eckard Walter will be the co-chair of the Budget & Investment Committee along with Jennifer Clark. Tim thanked Eckard for all the work he has done.
- **Financial Statements:** Jennifer reviewed the financial statements that were provided through March. She reviewed the balance sheet and showed everyone where the assets are distributed. She mentioned that Edward Jones is doing well. Time mentioned that weekly updates are received with specifics on the Foundation's mutual funds. He also reviewed the Edward Jones balance sheet.
- **Budget Update:** The committee met at ProDIGIQ and thanked Anita for hosting. The committee began the budget development process for FY23. Jennifer said a draft budget will be presented at the June meeting.



- **Events – Rees and Dance:** Jennifer mentioned that the Foundation’s infrastructure is being used for the purposes of running the expenses and gathering the donations for Mary Rees’s retirement party scheduled for Friday, May 13. She also mentioned that students in the dance department holding performances have been able to work with them and provide outreach support during their evening performances for whoever is joining them to make a donation and process it through the Foundation. This is a great model for various student groups and make it easy for them to raise money for their efforts.

VIII. MARKETING COMMITTEE

- **Simi Valley Street Fair (April 30):** Board Member Hoffman thanked everyone who attended the Simi Valley Street Fair. He mentioned that attendance was solid. He thanked Alejandra Idelfonso, Outreach Specialist, and Vicky, student worker, for assisting at the booth. He mentioned that Alejandra brought a spin wheel which was very successful in attracting people to the booth.

IX. STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE: Chair Haney mentioned that Board Member Sale could not be in attendance at today’s meeting. No update was provided.

X. PENDING BUSINESS: Chair Haney thanked all who showed up at the Simi Valley Street Fair and assisted at the booth. She hopes to see many at the Scholarship Reception on Saturday, May 14, and thanked Board Secretary Stiles and Board Members Venkataraman and Hoffman for agreeing to be readers at the reception.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: None

XII. ADJOURN: Chair Haney adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

8:00 a.m. – Via Zoom