
☐ WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE FOUNDATION ☐

Minutes of January 30, 2024, Meeting

Members Present: Mr. Jason West, Mr. Sid Medina, Mr. Eddie Peterson, Mr. Jay Waller, Mr. Mark McClain

Members Absent: Ms. Deborah Boyd, Ms. Janet Spence, Mr. Jason Tyler

Others Present: Dr. Barbara Beebe, Ms. Sheila Hale, Mr. Ralph Ramon, Ms. Melanie Schwertner, Ms. Stephanie Ducheneaux, Mr. Britt Canada

Mr. West gave the invocation and called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Motion by Mr. McClain, seconded by Mr. Waller, to approve the October 31, 2023, board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Board Member Terms

Mr. West, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Peterson, and Ms. Spence's terms are up.

Motion by Mr. Waller, seconded by Mr. Medina, to approve Mr. West, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Peterson, and Ms. Spence for another three-year term. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Motion by Mr. Waller, seconded by Mr. Medina, to appoint Mr. West president, Mr. McClain vice president, and Ms. Boyd secretary.
The motion carried unanimously.

Foundation Update – Sheila Hale

Scholarships

The WTC Foundation Scholarship is open for applications.

Applications are due by April 5, 2024.

Sheila has made substantial efforts to spread the information about scholarship applications to all offices on campus that have direct contact with students. She also uses social media to spread the word and promotes academic and CTE programs on Facebook.

We received a generous donation of \$10,000 made by Pam Browning to benefit the Stacey James Browning Memorial Scholarship available to Scurry County and Borden County graduates.

Inspire Program

The WTC Foundation has begun accepting applications for the Spring 2024 round of INSPIRE applications. All applications are due by Friday, April 19, 2024, and will be presented to the Board of Directors on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

Upcoming TACCF Conference

Sheila will attend the Texas Association of Community College Foundations annual conference from February 7 – February 9 in Round Rock, Texas. The conference should be very informative.

Scholarship Proposal Adoption

The proposed scholarship procedure will utilize remaining scholarship funds to support students who missed the deadline. Once the scholarship application is received, the Administrative Staff will provide the information. Although limited funds are available each year for consideration, the same nine-point grading system will be used.

The decision to extend a scholarship is at the discretion of the Administrative Staff. The student must have a financial need, be academically motivated, and be invested in their education at WTC. This information will be put under New Business for the next foundation meeting so it can be voted on.

General Update – Dr. Beebe

Mr. McLaughlin and the Diamond M Foundation gave us \$400,000 that they administer. That is a lot more than our scholarships. They gave out \$16,400 this semester with scholarships up to \$2,500.

The recipients will write thank you notes. Dr. Beebe has a meeting with his daughter on Thursday. Dr. Beebe, Ralph, and Sheila looked through the applicants. There is a stipulation that goes with the scholarship. The student cannot have a full scholarship or file for Pell. The committee waits until classes start before they look at the applicants. Most of these students have a 4.0 GPA.

We had flags made up for James Williams, Matt Hardy, and Jamie Redwine for Veterans Day. They are more significant than the ones we will order next time. We gave the flags to them.

Enrollment is growing, and the students are behaving. We hope it continues.

There was no information or questions from board members.

Motion by Mr. Waller, seconded by Mr. McClain, to adjourn the meeting.

Next Foundation Board meeting: April 30, 2024

APPROVED: _____

Ms. Deborah Boyd, Secretary

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Mr. Jason West, President