
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Minutes of April 25, 2023, Meeting

Members Present: Mr. Jason West, Mr. Sid Medina, Mr. Jason Tyler, Ms. Deborah Boyd, Mr. Mark McClain, Ms. Janet Spence

Members Absent: Mr. Carter Wiggins, Mr. Eddie Peterson, Mr. Jay Waller

Others Present: Dr. Barbara Beebe, Ms. Sheila Hale, Ms. Stephanie Ducheneaux, Mr. Britt Canada, Mr. Ralph Ramon, Mr. Jeffrey Martin, Mr. Garrett Hicks, Mr. Jimmy Fancher, Ms. Christylee DeBlieck, Mr. Patrick Schneider, Mr. Ray Newton, Ms. Tara Camp

Mr. McClain gave the invocation.

Mr. West called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Motion by Ms. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Tyler to approve the February 7, 2023, board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials

Motion by Mr. McClain, seconded by Mr. Medina to approve the financial report from February 28, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

BSM Renovation Proposal

Mr. Jeffrey Martin gave the board an overview of the Title V grant and described the BSM renovations and cost analysis. He is asking for a \$180,000 loan from the Foundation to be paid back over three years. Motion by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Boyd to loan the Title V grant \$180,000 at 6.25% interest to be paid back in three years. Motion carried unanimously.

INSPIRE Applications

Ms. Tara Camp presented her “Dude Court Renovation” and monies for care packages for new students. This is a renovation to improve the basketball court by West Hall to be visually appealing and useful to students. She is asking for a solar light and backboards. A concern with solar lights is the battery life. She could mount lights on the adjacent buildings. Board members would like her to make sure the backboard and rim are for outdoor use and are sturdy and durable. She needs to research the best option. Tara needs to ask for donations for care packages for new students. She can ask local churches or businesses.

Motion by Mr. McClain, seconded by Mr. Tyler, to approve Ms. Camp’s request for up to \$5,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Christylee DeBlieck is requesting \$1,000 for the Campus Closet. The Campus Closet is free to all Western Texas College students. Through generous donations from faculty/staff/Title V the Campus Closet has come to life. She would like to purchase clothing racks, hangers, shoe racks and storage bins.

Motion by Mr. Medina, seconded by Ms. Boyd, to award \$1,500 for the Campus Closet. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jimmy Fancher would like \$5,000 for the “student study area” in the LRC. He would like to modernize the library’s second floor which includes tables and chairs, couches and lounge chairs, electrical outlets, and USB ports for tables.

Motion by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Ms. Spence, to award \$5,000 for the student study area in the LRC. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Garrett Hicks is requesting \$5,000 for a Journey for a Cause. This is an inclusive campus event designed to bring Western Texas College faculty, staff, and students together through our differences. We all have different beliefs, opinions, and challenges in our lives, and through it all we still coexist as one Westerner.

Motion by Ms. Spence, seconded by Mr. McClain to approve \$5,000 for a Journey for a Cause. Three members were for the event and three members were against. The motion died. Motion by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. McClain, to table this request until the July meeting. Four members were in favor of moving the request to the July meeting and two members were against. Motion carried.

Mr. Ray Newton would like \$10,000 for theatre light replacement. The warranty on the new light system has expired. Each instrument cost \$2,000 and there are ten of them that need to be replaced. If the lights are not eventually fixed, the theatre will become unusable. The new quote to replace ten instruments is \$32,750.00.

Motion by Ms. Boyd, seconded by Mr. McClain, to take \$15,000 out of scholarships and \$5,000 INSPIRE for six lights. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Patrick Schneider is requesting \$4,500 for an electric kiln. The current two kilns that the art department has are both estimated to be around 20 years old. They have required frequent maintenance over the last two years and had been services by a professional in 2019.

Motion by Mr. McClain, seconded by Mr. Medina to approve \$4,500 for an electric kiln. Motion carried unanimously.

Foundation Update – Sheila Hale

Foundation Donations

John Lacik donated \$1,000 to the *Kevin Lacik Memorial Scholarship Fund* after seeing a spotlight of Kevin on social media.

The Foundation also received a \$20,000 donation from Larry Darden to the Darden Family Charitable Foundation Scholarship.

Scholarships

The WTC Foundation Scholarship program received 42 applications. Of the 42 applications, 14 are not involved in athletics, 10 are athletes, and 18 are athletes getting other scholarship monies.

Designated Scholarship

A \$2,000 scholarship was awarded to Woodrow Stiewart from our lineman program. He was chosen as the recipient of the Brennon Medford Memorial Scholarship by Emma Medford. She is the mother of Brennon Medford.

General Update – Dr. Beebe

Everything is good!

She invited everyone to graduation on May 2nd at 10:00 am at the Coliseum. Mr. August Svendsen is our Outstanding Academic Student and will speak during graduation. Ms. Julie Goodenough will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. She is the head coach at Abilene Christian University and played basketball at WTC.

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

Next Foundation Board meeting: July 25, 2023

APPROVED: _____

Ms. Deborah Boyd, Secretary

Mr. Jason West, President

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