
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Minutes of January 25, 2022, Meeting

Members Present: Mr. Jason West, Mr. Jason Tyler, Mr. Mark McClain, Ms. Deborah Boyd, Mr. Eddie Peterson

Members Absent: Mr. Carter Wiggins, Mr. Sid Medina, Mr. Jay Waller, Ms. Janet Spence

Others Present: Dr. Barbara Beebe, Ms. Sheila Hale, Ms. Melanie Schwertner, Ms. Patricia Claxton, Ms. Stephanie Ducheneaux

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

We welcome Ms. Sheila Hale and appreciate her stepping in and helping us out.

Minutes

Motion by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Ms. Boyd to approve the October 26, 2021, board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Board Member Terms

Mr. Mark McClain and Mr. Sid Medina's terms are up. Motion by Ms. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Tyler to extend Mr. McClain and Mr. Medina's terms three years to 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Motion by Mr. McClain, seconded by Mr. Tyler to elect officers as they were the previous year: Mr. West president, Mr. McClain vice president, and Ms. Boyd secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Board Member Contact Information

Correct Mr. West's place of employment to Anderson & West; change Mr. McClain's address; and take off Ms. Boyd's position of Snyder Municipal Judge.

By-Law Revisions

Motion by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. McClain to except the by-laws as amended and corrected at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Ms. Sheila Hale

Scholarships: The WTC Foundation Scholarship program continues to grow and thrive. We are gearing

up for another busy scholarship year, with applications for 2022-2023 due April 8, 2022. Last year, Alex posted an electronic application option online using JotForm, and it was a great success. This year we were able to obtain a non-profit discount that will reduce our cost from \$348 to \$173 for the year. We had 30 – 38 scholarship recipients for the spring and 17 – 18 used the electronic version. How do we get students to apply for the scholarships? It isn't the money; it's engaging the students. Ms. Hale is willing to help them fill out the application and answer any questions. We try to give out as many scholarships as we can. Some scholarships have restrictions, and some are for the neediest students. The student fills out the application and we match them up. Most of the students are from Texas. The high school counselors need to push the scholarships. It is hard for students to break the cycle.

Donations: A generous donation of \$9,000 has been received from Ms. Geneice Robbins to benefit the Ray Robbins Memorial Scholarship. Over \$700 in donations were given in memory of Howard Sterling in 2021.

Inspire Program: The WTC Foundation will soon be accepting applications for the Spring 2022 round of Inspire applications. The application packet has been updated and will be due on Friday, April 22, 2022.

General Update – Dr. Beebe

Currently, we have one instructor who tested positive for COVID, some staff members and a few students. We hope to keep our numbers low.

Our new Farm and Ranch Management program is just getting off of the ground. In March, we will have a Farm and Ranch Expo. There will be a dinner in April to raise money for scholarships. Scholarships are great, but we need students. You will hear more about this later.

True Grant: We are in a consortium with North Central Texas. We received \$500,000 and NCTX received \$1.5 million. Drilling Systems won the bid for a well control simulator which cost \$400,000. They will be here on Thursday to check out the Opportunity Center where classes will be held. Everyone who works on a well must be certified. They used to have to travel out of town to be trained, and now we will be able to do it. It is a 40-hour class, and it should be up and running in March. Dana Fahnrapp has been trained.

Information and Questions from Board Members

There was no information or questions from board members.

Mr. West stated the foundation only meets four times a year and that isn't too much. Thank you for being here. We appreciate you very much.

Motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. McClain to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Foundation Board meeting: April 26, 2022

APPROVED: _____

Ms. Deborah Boyd, Secretary

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Mr. Jason West, President