

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 16, 2015
Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

GENERAL BUSINESS

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on March 16, 2015 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chairman Thomas F. Jerdon.

Members Present: Jerdon, White, Moore, Cripe, Grabemeyer-Layman, Obren

Members Absent: McKenzie

The Oath of Office for Trustee Heidi Grabemeyer-Layman was administered by Chairman Jerdon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Trustee Cripe moved to approve the minutes of Previous Meeting (Monday, February 16, 2015) with no change. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Moore moved to approve the agenda with three changes: Delete Employee Recognition (Item 1g) as Mr. Benak was unable to attend due to illness; add two items for discussion and possible action: Appointing an SMC representative to the Cass County Transportation Authority Board; and, Fire Protection agreement with the City of Dowagiac. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2015 was received and placed on file. Chairman Jerdon provided the administration with several "circled items" to provide him with further clarification at a later date.

President Mathews updated trustees on current and upcoming events, including the sentencing of former employee Mr. Greg DeRue in Federal Court, and the content of the previous week's Spring MCCA Board of Director's meeting that he attended at Oakland Community College.

PUBLIC INPUT

No one requested an opportunity to provide public input.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board of Trustees discussed: Rededication of the O'Leary Building. It was decided to set the "rededication" date as August 17, 2015. No formal ceremony will be held. Rather, announcement of this will be held in conjunction with the August meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Long Range Planning agenda and supporting documents were distributed to the Board of Trustees.

Discussion was held concerning the appointment of a Board member to the Cass County Transportation Authority Board.

Discussion was held concerning fire protection services. President Mathews reported that the final details of an agreement were imminent that would provide for the City of Dowagiac to provide fire protection services to the College for \$13,500 per year.

ACTION ITEMS

Trustee Moore moved to approve the recommended change of the Choice Act 2014 (Veteran's Tuition) as shown in attachment 5a. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Obren moved to accept with gratitude the many gifts shown in attachment 5b. Passed unanimously.

Chairman Jerdon moved to appoint Becky Moore as the SMC representative to the Cass County Transportation Authority Board. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Cripe moved to give President Mathews authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement between SMC and the City of Dowagiac for fire protection. Passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS

1. Chairman Jerdon provided several "circled items" in the treasurer's report for the administration to clarify. The SMC Business Office will contact him directly with answers.
2. Chairman Jerdon asked that names and addresses of donors be provided to him so that he might send personal thank you cards.
3. Trustee Obren, and later all trustees in attendance, asked that in lieu of paper meeting materials all documents be sent electronically as PDF's.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Grabemeyer-Layman moved to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Passed Unanimously.



Bill White, Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman