General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on September 14, 2022 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was convened at 8:00 a.m. by Board Chairman Tom Jerdon.

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Bill White, Beth Cripe, Dr. Elaine Foster, Becky Moore, Tracy Hertsel

Members Absent: Keith McKenzie

Minutes of the June 8, 2022 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Bill White, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

One individual was recognized for their service at the College:
Maria DeRose was recognized for her years of service and trustee Dr. Elaine Foster presented her with a 10-year pin.

Public Input

No individual requested to speak.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the months ending June 30, 2022, July 31, 2022 and August 31, 2022 were received and placed on file.

Dr. Odenwald gave his President's Report:

- Final fall semester student enrollment is up in comparison to one year ago. SMC saw increases in both student credit hours, contact hours, and student head count. Dr. Odenwald thanked all who assisted with recruiting, the design of materials, worked recruiting and orientations, and who put together Welcome Week.
- Campus Bash will take place today, Wednesday, September 14.
- Dr. Odenwald thanked the leadership team for the effort it took to launch athletics for this fall, noting the quality is superior to that of our peers.
- Dr. Odenwald reported that enrollment is stable and most likely will remain in the 1,800-1,900 range for the foreseeable future.
**Discussion Items**

Trustees were presented with the 2022-2023 full-time faculty list stipulating 44 full-time positions.

Vice President Coulston reported that the Standard & Poor’s rating process began in June 2022 with a questionnaire. The confirmation resulted in an AA/Stable long-term rating along with very positive feedback.

Chairman Tom Jerdon updated the Board with ongoing discussions with the City of Dowagiac to consider the transfer of the museum collection and to vacate the surplus items from campus for needed storage space due to the addition of athletics, need for a mail room and temporary storage during remodel projects.

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with eighteen individual donations for a grand total in the amount of $23,580.

**Action Items**

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to approve the Strategic Value to the Community Resolution (attachment 5A). Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to accept with gratitude the gifts shown in attachment 5B, with eight individual donations in the amount of $21,700. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Tom Jerdon moved, seconded by Bill White, to instruct Dr. Odenwald to hand deliver a letter to the City of Dowagiac, in compliance with the May 30, 2012 MOU for the one-year notice to terminate the Museum MOU between the College and the City, effective for September 2023, along with continued efforts to attempt to remove the remaining collection from campus within the same time period.

**Review of Follow-up Requests**

No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

**Adjournment**

Becky Moore moved to adjourn at 9:09 a.m. Dr. Elaine Foster seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Cripe, Secretary

Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman