



Minutes from 7/21 Meeting

- 1) Welcome Cyndi and Rachel!
- 2) Unfortunately, Lindsey will be leaving COC next week. She is taking a higher paying job at a law firm in Oregon. We will truly miss all of her time with us and wish her the best of luck.
- 3) Since there are some new members to the group, Joanna reviewed the remaining budget and it is currently \$6,380.56. She went over the list of projects from the past year and what has been completed/ongoing. She also shared that the district awarded CC \$20,000 last Fall and CC was awarded \$1,000 by ASG through their grants program. Yarely and Joanna are in the early planning stages for a Financial Literacy event tentatively set for Oct. 12 (National Savings Day) that will be for students and staff. With inflation at its highest, it's more important than ever to be educated on debt, money management, budgeting, savings accounts, etc... The plan is to have 1-2 speakers from Logixx and maybe provide a free lunch.
- 4) Donation Update
 - Recently, our members donated \$200 of their own money to donate to Leann Garcia, who is a survivor from the Uvale shooting. She suffered severe face injuries and will need assistance with medical bills and other needs.
 - Thanks to those who were able to donate to such a great cause. Joanna will be mailing all of the cards together once she receives a few more.

5) Instagram Update

- For those who are not already, please follow our instagram account, canyons_cares. Yarely is currently looking for a student volunteer to help CC develop social media content from a student perspective. Hopefully, there will be students who apply to help us out with this.

6) Supporting Our Homeless Students

- Gina provided background on the wonderful work that Long Beach City College has done with their pilot program, in which a small group of their homeless students are allowed to park overnight in a designated parking lot. They have access to 24-hour security, lights, bathrooms, etc...Gina recently connected with our Basic Needs Director, Sarah Cox, to let her know CC would love to support in any way. Sarah informed Gina that since COVID testing is currently occupying the parking structure, that this project would have to be put on hold.

7) Upcoming Events:

a) Welcome Day-Valencia Campus-Friday, August 12 from 9am-1pm

- i) There will be a sign-up for members to take a shift, so if you are interested please volunteer. There will be new students at this event, so it will be very helpful with informing students about Canyons Cares and free items! [Welcome Day Sign-Up](#)

b) First Week of School-Valencia Campus-August 22-23 from 8am-12pm and 3-5pm.

- i) Although there will be student peer leaders in Canyons Hall and the Student Center, we want to make sure students on other parts of campus are getting help with finding their class and that we are here to support them. The goal is to have staff stationed around 4 points of campus, typically that are high traffic areas. These have been the most successful areas in the past. Please sign-up if interested in making students feel welcome the first week of school. [1st Week Sign-Up](#)
- ii) Canyons Hall & Student Center (front of loop)
- iii) In front of lot close to TLC or inside

- iv) Walkway by the tennis courts
- v) Hasley Hall (entry on the third floor)
- c) Cougar Fest (formerly Welcome Week)-There are details still to be worked on, but the hope is to have this event in the cafeteria at the Valencia Campus and the Science Center lobby/Upper Plaza in front of the Science Center. This event will connect our new/returning students to campus resources and alliances/clubs and to help students feel that they are supported.
 - i) Monday, August 29 from 10am-1pm-Valencia Campus
 - ii) Thursday, Sept. 1 from 10am-1pm-Canyon Country Campus

10) Next Meeting-Thursday, August 11 from 3-4pm