

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS FOUNDATION
26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91355

College of the Canyons Board of Directors

Meeting - Minutes

February 5, 2025 5:00 PM

Canyons Hall 201

Members Present: David Andrus, JD (Interim President), Gary Horton (Chair), Jason Hinkle (Foundation Treasurer), Dawn Abasta, Dr. Thea Alvarado, Lisa Burke, Joyce Carson, Steve Corn, Thomas Dierckman, Bruce Fortine, William Harwood, Arnoldo Jaquez, Taylor Kellstrom, Jill Mellady, Randy Moberg, George Reyes, Matthew Sreden

Members Absent: Shawna Mann (Foundation Secretary), Shawn Fonder, Tamara Gurney, Jenny Ketchepaw, Brian Koegle, Mike Lebecki, Ed Masterson, T. Meyer, Leticia Meza-Guerrero, Doreen Shine, Joyce Shulman, Ryan Theule

Foundation Staff Present: Desiree Dodd (Director of Development and Engagement), Melayn Poladian (Foundation Relations Coordinator III), Dylan Mahoney (Events and Marketing Coordinator)

District Staff

Present: Darlene Trevino (Board of Trustees Liaison)

Affiliated

Guests Present: None

Other

Attendees: Jeremy Patrich, Jason Bergdorfer, Lisa Malley

1. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to Order/Establishment of a Quorum

Gary Horton

Noting that a quorum was present, Gary Horton called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM.

1.2 Approval of Meeting Agenda

Gary Horton

Gary Horton requested a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion to Approve:

Taylor Kellstrom

Second:

Joyce Carson

Voting Yes:

David Andrus, JD, Gary Horton, Jason Hinkle, Dawn Abasta, Dr. Thea Alvarado, Lisa Burke, Steve Corn, Thomas Dierckman, Bruce Fortine, William Harwood, Arnoldo Jaquez, Jill Mellady, Randy Moberg, George Reyes, Matthew Sreden

1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 19th, 2024

Gary Horton

Gary Horton requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Foundation Board meeting which occurred on November 19th, 2024.

Motion to Approve:

Jill Mellady

Second:

Joyce Carson

Voting Yes:

David Andrus, JD, Gary Horton,
Jason Hinkle, Dawn Abasta, Dr.
Thea Alvarado, Lisa Burke,
Steve Corn, Thomas Dierckman,
Bruce Fortine, William
Harwood, Arnoldo Jaquez,
Taylor Kellstrom, Randy
Moberg, George Reyes,
Matthew Sreden

1.4 Installation of Board Chair

Darlene Trevino

Board of Trustees Liaison Darlene Trevino installed Gary Horton as Chair of the Foundation Board. Gary spoke to the Board and shared an anecdote on the importance of public education to him.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

2.1 Comments by Members of the Audience NOT on the Agenda

Gary Horton

There were no comments made by members of the audience not on the agenda.

3. INFORMATION AND ITEMS APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

3.1 Financial Statements as of November 30, 2024

Lisa Burke

Jason Hinkle presented an update on the Foundation's financial statements as of November 30, 2024. With 42% of the fiscal year complete, revenues stand at 31% and expenses at 26%, resulting in a net revenue of approximately \$11,733. While the Foundation has maintained low expenses, costs such as salaries and benefits are expected to rise with the hiring of the Events and Marketing Coordinator.

The Golf Tournament exceeded expectations, generating close to \$79,00 in revenue. Additional income from Silver Spur events is anticipated later in the year. Shawna noted that the Scholarly Presentation exceeded its budget by 200% due to hosting two speakers this year; however, savings from the previous year helped offset these costs. Funds 86 and 87 are currently held in Raymond James accounts.

3.2 Naming of the John Turturro Lab (JTL)

Desiree Dodd

In Shawna's absence, Desiree Dodd presented on the naming of the John Turturro Lab. A resolution was submitted and approved by the Board of Trustees to honor longtime COC Professor John Turturro by naming a lab after him. David Andrus clarified building naming procedures for the Board.

3.3 Foundation Staff Update

Desiree Dodd

Desiree updated Board members that Shawna was on bereavement leave. She discussed the status of the Chief Development Officer position; final interviews are to be conducted later in the month of February. She also noted that Dylan Mahoney was officially hired as the Events and Marketing Coordinator for the Foundation.

4. APPROVAL

4.1 Foundation Board Member Update – Recommended Board Nominations **Desiree Dodd**

Desiree Dodd deferred to Lisa Burke to present on individuals recommended to the Board. First, she discussed Jesse McClure, and noted his media presence and youthful energy. Gary Horton supported these comments and agreed that he would be a valuable addition to the Board.

Motion to approve:

Taylor Kellstrom

Second:

Randy Moberg

Voted Yes:

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Desiree Dodd deferred to Jill Mellady to present on Mike DiLorenzo. Jill shared about Mike's history of community service, experience in the entertainment industry, and his friendship. Joyce Carson echoed this endorsement.

Motion to approve:

Steve Corn

Second:

Thomas Dierckman

Voted Yes:

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Desiree Dodd deferred to Jill Mellady to present on Scott Schauer. She discussed his positions on numerous Foundations and his role as SCV Sheriff Board President, as well as his ability to fundraise. Lisa Burke supported these comments.

Motion to approve:

Thomas Dierckman

Second:

Lisa Burke

Voted Yes:

David Andrus, JD, Gary Horton, Jason Hinkle, Dawn Abasta, Dr. Thea Alvarado, Joyce Carson, Steve Corn, Bruce Fortine, William Harwood, Arnoldo Jaquez, Taylor Kellstrom, Jill Mellady, Randy Moberg, George Reyes, Matthew Sreden

5. REPORTS

5.2 Silver Spur Update

Dawn Abasta

Dawn Abasta shared updates regarding the 33rd Silver Spur Ceremony. The event will honor Marlee Lauffer and will be held at the Langham Huntington Hotel. The Fund A Need will raise money for the Nursing Program. Dylan Mahoney invited Board members to the first Silver Spur Committee meeting the following day.

5.3 President's Update – What's New & What's Ahead

David Andrus

David Andrus recounted a successful meeting between him and Board Chair Gary Horton. He explained that the President's Office would commit to collecting information and identifying areas and initiatives where the Board could fundraise for the College in both the short-term and the long-term. He also provided an update on the ATC, and an overview of campus activity.

6. ADJOURNMENT

6.1 Adjournment

Gary Horton

Gary Horton adjourned the meeting at 6:04 PM.