



# Southwestern Michigan College Foundation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2024  
Charles O. Zollar Building, Classroom 813 – Dowagiac Campus  
5:00pm

## Minutes

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### Welcome

The meeting was convened at 5:10pm by Board President Carole Schmidt.

Members Present: Carole Schmidt, Tom Ellspermann, Joe Odenwald, Michelle Kite, Krin Jurgensen, Becky Moore, Patty Patano, Jan Barkell, Ron Gunn, Bruce Springsteen, Ada Springsteen, Terry Groth, Greg Lozeau, Bill White, Tom Jerdon

Members Absent: Julie Dye, Susan Dobrich, George Wehrle, Deborah Hackworth, Dick Judd, David Tate

### Approval of Agenda

The October 2024 agenda required no changes. Becky Moore moved, seconded by Patty Patano, to approve the October 2024 agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the August 2024 regular convened meeting required no changes. Tom Ellspermann moved, seconded by Michelle Kite, to approve the August 2024 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

### College Update: Dr. Joseph Odenwald, College President

Dr. Joseph Odenwald gave many updates:

- Enrollment 2,000+ for the first time in five years
- Housing is at capacity for the third straight year
- Tours for the new housing additions should happen in mid-December
- Five Cross Country athletes are heading to Nationals
- Volleyball team will begin Districts
- Band Concert was wonderfully done this past weekend
- Wrestling began with over 30 wrestlers this season
- Men's and Women's Basketball begins this Friday
- Founders Day is Friday beginning at 11:00am with lunch and awards and basketball games to follow
- Mailings will be going out with our strategy for the Fall of 2025 - Green Light Guarantee
- Third year our fall enrollment has been up
- The Southwester will be dropped in early to mid-November with our Strategic Plan enclosed
- HLC is looking for institutions to be budgeting on their Strategic Plan

### Foundation Board Update: Dr. Carole Schmidt, Foundation President

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Bill White, to approve the three-year term renewals for Jan Barkell, Susan Dobrich, Tom Ellspermann, Terry Groth, Ron Gunn, Dick Judd, Patty Patano and George Wehrle. Motion passed unanimously.

Terry Groth regretfully moved, seconded by Tom Ellspermann, to accept with regret the resignation of Michele Boyd. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Executive Director Update: Emily Schrock, Alumni Relations & Development Coordinator**

50<sup>th</sup> Steve's Run Results –

The total of \$6,000 will go to the Mayo Clinic and the David and Steve Briegel (Father & Son) Memorial Scholarship.

Annual Giving Campaign –

This will begin early to mid-November with mailings, e-mails and social media. The campaign will highlight the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SMC. The goal is \$35,000.

Arts & Athletics Campaign –

Our Capital Campaign this year is for the new wrestling area addition and renovations to the band, choir and Lyons lobby areas. The goal is \$600,000 which will be split evenly between the two areas. The Executive Committee has been meeting to begin the quiet phase of this campaign. The public date to announce this will be March 1, 2025.

## **Financial Report/Quarterly Donations: Michelle Kite, SMC Foundation Treasurer**

Members reviewed the financial report and quarterly donations. Total donations were received, for the quarter, in the amount of \$35,000. Patty Patano moved, seconded by Greg Lozeau, to accept the quarterly donations. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Foundation Committee Updates**

Investment Committee Update: Michelle Kite

-Review of the quarterly investment report from 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank.

-Terry Groth moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to approve the Scholarship Allocation Recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

-Tom Jerdon moved, seconded by Jan Barkell, to approve the update on page 3 of the Investment Policy. Motion passed unanimously.

Recruitment and Membership Committee Update: Tom Ellspermann

-Please bring any names you have of people that would be interested in joining the Foundation.

## **New Business**

Jan Barkell suggested the members bring donations for the Roadrunner Kitchen to each meeting. Dr. Odenwald will get a list from Colleen Welsch of what the needs are for the students as these change periodically.

## **Old Business**

## **Adjournment**

Terry Groth moved to adjourn at 6:29pm. Tom Ellspermann seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Upcoming Events**

Founders Day, November 1, 11:00am

Fall Choir Concert, November 2, 7:30pm

Holiday Band & Choir Concert, December 7, 7:30pm  
Financial/Investment Committee Meeting – January 23, 10:00am

PROPOSED