



**SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION MINUTES**  
**March 10, 2021 - 5:00 p.m. – ZOOM**

**SBVC Foundation Board Directors Present/Absent:**

<b>P</b>	Susan Bangasser	<b>P</b>	Kenneth Lane	<b>A</b>	Michael Sola
<b>P</b>	Paul Bratulin	<b>P</b>	Mike Layne	<b>A</b>	Scott Stark
<b>A</b>	Davena Burns-Peters	<b>P</b>	Justin Martinez	<b>P</b>	Edward Szumski
<b>P</b>	Dennis Byas	<b>P</b>	Kerry Neal	<b>P</b>	Dexter Thomas
<b>P</b>	Taylor DeBenedictis	<b>A</b>	Patricia Nickols-Butler	<b>A</b>	Jose Torres
<b>A</b>	John Echevarria	<b>P</b>	Faye Pointer	<b>A</b>	Bea Valdez
<b>P</b>	Robert Garcia	<b>P</b>	Beverly Powell	<b>A</b>	Anne Viricel
<b>P</b>	Gary Kelly	<b>A</b>	Zohaib Rehman		
<b>P</b>	Allynn Jackson	<b>P</b>	Diana Z. Rodriguez		

**SBVC Staff:** Phylcia Sanchez

**I. Call to Order:**

President Dennis Byas called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**II. Approval of minutes from January 13, 2021**

Kelly moved, Lane seconded, minutes were approved with minor changes.

**III. SBVC President's Report**

- The fall semester will continue to be remote. The college is going to increase face-to-face and hybrid classes on the campus. Currently, the campus is looking at safety plans and protocols on how to bring classes back to campus.
- Currently, enrollment is down for the spring semester. Other campuses in the region have experienced bigger losses. The Student Services Team and the Office of Instruction reached out to students to encourage them to return for the spring semester.
- There was an outpouring of need from students for assistance from the Finish Line Scholars Grant.
- The college has received the highest marks possible and received full seven-year re-accreditation from the Accrediting Commission for the Community and Junior Colleges accrediting body. The college has starting planning for the next accreditation.
- The college is in the beginning stages of the new student services and instruction building. The building will allow students to receive multiple services in one building compared to having to go to different buildings on campus to receive services.
- The college is in the process of creating a vision plan for the Pro-Swap Meet property. The college is hopeful that it may be given the authority to submit a proposal to purchase the property. Purchasing the property across the street will provide the college an opportunity to expand and increase enrollment.
- The athletic coaches have been meeting regarding Spring Two and have decided that it's in the best interest of the students and the institution to not proceed with athletic competitions for this term. The campus is offering conditioning classes for the athletes so

they can practice and work out. The majority of the workouts will be held outdoors. The college has not made a decision regarding athletics for the fall semester.

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

a) Alumni – Ed Szumski

No report.

b) Board Development – Susan Bangasser

The committee received 15 nominations. Two additional nominees applied but were denied since they are currently employed with the district. The committee is requesting resumes from the nominees. The committee will be hosting three orientations for the potential board directors to attend and learn more about the Foundation, including the \$1,000 board member commitment.

- Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm
- Wednesday, April 14 @ 5:30pm
- Thursday, April 15 @ 9am

The Board has been invited to attend the orientations to share their experience being on the Board. The bylaws indicate having at least 21 but now more than 27 voting directors. The committee would like to accept 7 new directors to the 2021-2022 Board. The committee is scheduled to meet on May 19<sup>th</sup> to recommend the new board directors. The full Board will be presented with the potential board members for approval at the annual meeting on June 9, 2021.

c) Finance – Dennis Byas

No report.

d) Strategic Planning – Dennis Byas

No report.

e) Fundraising – Dexter Thomas

No report.

f) Audit – Dennis Byas

No report.

#### **V. Director-'s Report:** Mike Layne

Layne reported:

- The second quarterly e-newsletter was sent out to over 55,000 email addresses. The newsletter highlighted what the Board has been doing since the pandemic has started. The newsletter highlighted all the resources and funds that they have been awarded to the Foundation.
- Since March of 2020, the Foundation has brought in just under a million dollars. The Foundation received the Cycle 1 award for the Finish Line Scholars Grant in the amount of \$150,000. These funds were donated to the Foundation for California Community Colleges by the Jay Pritzker Foundation. The funds from the Cycle 1 award will be used entirely towards the Emergency Financial Assistance Program to assist students with financial hardships so they can continue to be enrolled at SBVC. In addition to the \$150,000 grant, a \$20,000 grant from the Inland Empire Community Foundation and funds from the \$180,000 that the Board approved in June 2020 will also go towards the Emergency Financial Assistance Program. There will be about \$270,000 available to assist

students. There eventually will be 540 SBVC students awarded \$500 each in emergency funds.

- Recently we received a donation from Chuck Obershaw's estate for approximately \$372,000. These funds will be combined with their existing endowment. The goal of the endowment is to use the amount generated from interest to eventually award 30 \$1,000 scholarships each year to students who are pursuing automotive careers, business careers, or entrepreneurship.
- We received \$75,000 in awards from Southern California Edison. The first grant is for \$50,000 for the Clean Energy Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Program that is being offered through Diesel. The second grant is for \$25,000 for 25 STEM scholarships. We also received \$25,000 from SoCalGas for tools for the CNG Program through the Diesel Department.
- We received a \$20,000 grant from the County of San Bernardino for nonprofit relief due to COVID-19. The grant is to assist nonprofits with event revenue that was lost due to the inability to have in-person fundraisers due to the pandemic.
- The San Manuel Tribe allowed us to repurpose funds from the grant to give out emergency aid to students that were in the Valley Bound Commitment Program. The checks have already been given out to 124 students. Each student received a little over \$500 each.
- Wells Fargo allowed for their \$25,000 grant to be repurposed to purchase hotspots and Chromebooks for students that participated in the Valley Bound Commitment Program.
- Two federal grants have been submitted through the US Department of Education. If funded, each Talent Search Grant will be award approximately \$277,000 a year for 5 years. One grant will serve Arroyo Valley High School and Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School. The other will serve San Geronio High School and Serrano Middle School. The program is designed to build pipelines for low-income minority students from middle school through high school to get them here to SBVC. The funding will allow schools to hire staff that will work with the students to build these pipelines. Grant award notifications are expected in August or September.
- The SBVC 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala will be held on January 22, 2022.
- We are continuing to use a monthly contracted CPA that is assisting our department in reconciling accounts and preparing budget reports for the Executive Committee. In addition, the CPA is assisting with the new development of the new fiscal budget that will be presented to the Executive Committee in April and then provided to the Board at the May meeting for review and approval.
- Sanchez reported that campus committees are currently reviewing scholarship applications. Scholarships will be awarded by the end of the month. Currently, it is looking like we will be able to award \$350,000 or more in scholarships and 485 individual scholarships. Our virtual annual scholarship ceremony will be held on May 5th at 6 pm.
- The budget was provided through the end of January to the Board. The Board was reminded that the Executive Committee is provided with monthly budget updates. Currently, there is a net surplus of a little over \$200,000 because we received income from grants. The Board was reminded that the budgets in the past had allocated interest from the investment account at the end of the fiscal year but now the interest is being allocated quarterly to the budget. The grant income is continuing to increase, and we are expecting some additional grant awards.

- We submitted for the 2021-2022 Finish Line Scholars Grant for \$150,000. The grant allows for 30% to be used towards emergency financial aid and the Foundation can claim 5% for admin expenses. The remaining funds will go towards scholarships.
- The closing report for the San Manuel Grant will be submitted within the next week. San Manuel will review the close-out report and provide an update on how they will be moving forward.

**VI. Old Business:** Dennis Byas

- The Board was thanked for all their hard work. Information will be sent out to the Board regarding donations.

**VII. New Business:** Dennis Byas

No report.

**IX. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Diana Z. Rodriguez, Secretary