



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, Mar 17, 2021

4:00 PM

**MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Andrew Ausonio  
Susie Boutonnet  
Jeremy Green  
Rosalyn Green  
Jean Hurd  
Evelyne Lamson  
Rob Lee  
Joe Servi  
Joyce Simon  
Nathan Steen  
Ruth Thompson  
Linda Yellich

**STAFF PRESENT**

Beccie Michael  
Gerardo Olivares  
Allison Payne

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Angelica Arroyo  
Dr. Linda Bynoe  
Jason Griffin  
Steve Haigler  
Stephan Lins  
Andrew Liu  
David Martin  
Dr. Patsy Tinsley McGill  
Dr. Peter Purdue  
Kelly Saunders  
Lin Sullivan

1. **Meeting called to order by Rob Lee, President at 4:04PM.**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

3. **RECOGNITION /GUESTS**

Our guest speaker (Dr. Turner) will be introduced during the special presentation; otherwise, there are no guests.

4. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 17, 2021 MINUTES – ROB LEE, PRESIDENT**

Susie Boutonnet made a motion to approve the Feb 17th, 2021 Board meeting minutes as presented.

*Second:* Joe Servi

*All in Favor:* Susie Boutonnet, Jeremy Green, Rosalyn Green, Jean Hurd, Evelyne Lamson, Rob Lee, Joe Servi, Joyce Simon, Nathan Steen, Ruth Thompson and Linda Yellich.

*Nays:* None

*Abstentions:* None.

*Motion Carries.*

5. **BUSINESS**

**A. GIFT ACCEPTANCE POLICY UPDATE (BECCIE MICHAEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)**

- Beccie introduced this item by explaining that the current gift acceptance document has been in existence prior to her joining the Foundation in 2013. In 2018 it was brought to her attention that the document needed updating and some additions, so she began working on a newer version.

- The Executive Committee and the Investment Committee reviewed the new draft, and the plan was to keep working on this in 2020, however, since it was a difficult year the update was put on hold. Recently, Beccie and President Lee discussed this update and are asking the BOD to create a taskforce to revisit the policy with Beccie. The idea for today was to create a taskforce, meet a few times and hopefully bring a recommendation to the next BOD meeting in April. Beccie then asked the board who would like to work with her on updating this policy.
- A few board members volunteered to participate on this taskforce: Ruth Thompson and Susie Boutonnet. Beccie proceeded to let the board know that she will email the rest of the board regarding meeting dates/times to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate.

Ruth made a motion to approve the creation of a gift acceptance task force, including Ruth and Susie as initial members.

Second: Jean Hurd

*All in Favor:* Susie Boutonnet, Jeremy Green, Rosalyn Green, Jean Hurd, Evelyne Lamson, Rob Lee, Joe Servi, Joyce Simon, Nathan Steen, Ruth Thompson and Linda Yellich.

*Nays:* None

*Abstentions:* None.

*Motion Carries.*

## 6. CAMPUS PRESENTATION: DR. RUSHIA TURNER, MPC INSTRUCTOR

- Dr. Rushia Turner, MPC Chemistry Instructor, presented some highlights of receiving a 2019 FASA award that enhanced her students' experience.
- Dr. Rushia Turner explained the value of FASA and the impact it had on her personally and her students in the Chemistry department at MPC.
- A group of students that had been collaborating with a summer research project with UC Santa Cruz and attended a conference in Honolulu, HI. This particular group of students had taken Chemistry with Dr. Turner right out of high school, and then the following year they took Organic Chemistry.
- Out of the three students who attended the conference, one of this students, Valerie Ortiz, was awarded a special recognition for her research and poster presentation. Hundreds of students presented posters in the biology category and the conference recognized about six students, one of which was Valerie. Dr. Turner further explained that this solidified Valerie's confidence and dreams; after this she became very involved at MPC STEM groups, got scholarships to continue with her undergraduate studies and has no doubt that she will go all the way to earning a PhD.
- Dr. Turner proceeded to thank the MPC Foundation and its board of directors for the FASA program and was delighted to share one story that changed this student's life.

## 7. REPORTS

### A. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JEREMY GREEN IN LIEU OF ROB LEE, BOARD PRESIDENT**

- Jeremy Green presented a few points for the President report as President Lee had to leave early. He also wanted to make a comment that Dr. Turner played a role in the Measure V campaign, thanking her for her participation in several meetings.
- Jeremy proceeded to share that the Foundation has received a first seal of approval for \$77K to be forgiven for the initial PPP loan in 2020, and that we have applied again and been approved and funded for a second PPP loan for \$81K this year.
- Starting at the end of this month on March 29th, the auditors will start their virtual site visit. If auditors reach out to any board members, don't be alarmed, it is a regular part of their review process.
- Jeremy also reminded the board that on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm there will be the Scholarship Ceremony. The Foundation will send out all details, but please mark your calendars in the meantime.

## **B. COLLEGE REPORT – DAVID MARTIN**

- Mr. Martin was unable to attend, so Jeremy asked if Beccie would like to share any information on his behalf.
- Beccie shared that MPC is moving along with revisiting and following closely the re-opening plans and thinking about the Fall of 2021 and what other classes and facilities could potentially open in-person.
- Beccie also shared that next Wednesday will mark 60-year anniversary of Dr. King giving a lecture and a speech at MPC. This happened to fall on a day when the MPC Board of Trustees is holding a meeting so this will be addressed then and celebrated. We are also issuing a press release about it so please be on the lookout for more information.

## **C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – BECCIE MICHAEL**

- Beccie shared that we received 250 scholarship applications in the 20-2021 cycle, which have been assigned to the various advisory group members to read and score. We had a very productive orientation session last week – thank you to everyone who attended! We now have a month to read and score the applications; the group meets again on 4/19 to make recommendations for awards.
- News in the College Incentive Program CIP: we received 55 nominations this year for HS seniors. While this was lower than previous years, almost all of them qualified for the program. We’ll be notifying nominators and students of their acceptance by the end of the week, and students will begin by attending “Join the Pack Day” in April.
- Beccie shared the following grant updates:  
Grant Reports/Proposals Submitted:
  - Pebble Beach Company Foundation – 2020 grant report submitted, and 2021 grant application submitted requesting \$10,000 in support for the Evans College Incentive Program.
  - Chapman Foundation – 2020 grant report submitted, and 2021 grant application submitted requesting \$20,401 to support the MPC Upward Bound program.
  - Bank of America – Grant submitted requesting \$24,000 to support the Evans College Incentive program and Student Internships.
  - Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation – 2020 grant report submitted, and 2021 grant application submitted requesting \$30,000 in general operating support.

### Grants awarded:

- \$5,000 received from the Community Foundation for Monterey County – Women’s Fund Endowment in support of the Emergency Assistance Program.
  - \$21,037 received through the 2020 MC Gives campaign (includes donations and match).
  - \$54,385 awarded through a National Science Foundation (NSF) NOYCE RISE five-year grant in which MPC is a collaborative partner with lead agency CSUMB. The funding will support faculty in preparing students for STEM education pathways with an emphasis on underrepresented students in STEM. The project’s ultimate goal is to broaden the applicant pool of highly qualified STEM teachers and encourage STEM students to serve in rural, high-need K-12 school districts.
  - \$560,000 awarded from the United Way Monterey County and the Monterey County Department of Social Services in support of rent and utility assistance for low-income MPC students experiencing housing instability as a result of loss or reduction in income due to the COVID-19 crisis.
- Beccie also shared that we are starting to work on a Spring appeal and President’s Circle mailing –both will be sent in early April.
  - Finally, Beccie added that there is an update on the MPC Re-Branding Project update: Over 80 individuals attended an open forum on March 5, while 810 students completed the Student Survey and

124 faculty, staff, and community members completed surveys. The goal is for this project to be wrapped up by May, at which time we hope to have a new logo/visual identity for the college and the Foundation.

**D. BOOSTER COMMITTEE REPORT – BECCIE MICHAEL IN LIEU OF STEPHAN LINS**

- Beccie shared some news about our last Booster virtual event on Sunday 3/14/21.
- We invited two MPC Alumna (Anthony Garnett and his cousin Myleka Garnett) to give a talk to students and Booster members as well as other guest who attended the event. It was a great way to keep connecting with our members and community.
- We had about 50 people in attendance, some of which were out of state, which was great for our visibility.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- No more announcements.
- Next Board Meeting will be on April 21, 2021 (Virtual Meeting) at 4:00 p.m.

**9. Meeting Adjourned by Jeremy Green in Lieu of Rob Lee at 4:41 PM**

**Minutes presented by Gerardo Olivares on behalf of Susie Boutonnet, Secretary.**