MINUTES
MERCED COUNTY EDUCATION FOUNDATION
BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 - 3:30 PM
Merced County Office of Education Boardroom
632 W. 13th Street, Merced

AGENDA

I. Open

A. Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Michele Fagundes.
B. Roll Call:
   1. Present were Michele Fagundes, Steve Tinetti, Nancy Young-Bergman, Steve Gomes
   2. Absent were Joe Doyland, Ellie Jorritsma and Mike Villalta
C. Others Present: Stacie Arancibia, Janet Riley, Jenni Samuelson, Steve Tietjen and Ka Xiong

II. Approval of Agenda

Steve Tinetti moved and Steve Gomes seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of Meeting on January 9, 2019.
   Steve Tinetti moved and Steve Gomes seconded to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

IV. Public Participation/Comments

The public is invited to address the Board on agenda item(s) within the Board’s jurisdiction prior to or during the Board’s consideration of the agenda. The public should identify agenda item(s) they wish to address with the Board President. When the agenda item is announced, the Board President will call on the public who has already stated his or her interest in providing input. There will be no further public input on the agenda item after the Board discussion begins. No action may be taken on the item raised by the public comment unless the item is on the agenda.

None

V. Items for Information/Discussion/Action

A. Jenni Samuelson - UC Merced Opera for Children: Jenni Samuelson showed a 3-minute video promoting the program. Discussed that Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) provided financial support since Lee Anderson was County Superintendent of schools. Due to increased costs for production and licensing, the program needs more funds to provide this free program to students.
   Steve Gomes moved and Steve Tinetti seconded to donate $1,000.00 from the Visual and Performing Arts Account to help support the UC Merced Opera for Children. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

B. Fundraiser Financial Reports – Janet Riley
   Expect cabin sponsorship of Camp Green Meadows from Laura Ganella and SKW Architectural at $1,500 each. Check received from Fieldman is to all go toward cabin sponsorship per Steve Tinetti.
   Rob Baptie challenged attendees to match $7,500. If collection exceeded $7,500, he will send a
second amount of $7,500. Estimated Baptie match collection at $11,000. Ellie provided linen and helped set up as she was unable to attend the event. Board members want to know the profits of 2017 compared to 2019.

Discussion on success of fundraiser. Liked that it ended early and people stayed afterwards to talk. Multicultural Arts Center have room to socialize. Hors d’Oeuvres were not missed. Dinner portion was generous and delicious. Five Ten Bistro catered meal. Stacie cut cost by having volunteers to help with services and set up. The donated wine helped cut cost down. Acoustics in the location allowed for intimate table conversations. Board tasked Stacie to reserve date with Multicultural Arts center for next fundraiser.

C. Financial Reports – Janet Riley
Some donations received from the fundraiser were specific toward the arts program or Camp Green Meadows. Janet will bring the amount at the next board meeting for the board to decide what programs should receive the funds.

PG & E filed bankruptcy. The giving foundation arm of PG & E may stop and not provide any more grants. Grants from PG & E are used for the STEAM fair. If there are no more grant from PG&E, there are funds available in the STEM account. Board members suggested looking at Merced Irrigation District or the solar companies if they will give to support the fair.

Funding collected from Report on Our Schools will be moved to the general account at the end of the calendar year.

Stacie applied for a grant from Republic Services and received $1,000. The grant will go toward the Los Banos Symphony. The Symphony had to add more musicians and this increase the cost of doing the program. Did the Foundation receive funds from Los Banos Unified School District?

D. Program Update – Stacie Arancibia
1. Rising Storytellers – Flyer/Notice: Arts grant recipient is putting on a show on March 25 at the Livingston Community Center at 10:30 am.

2. Fireworks Booth: Phoenix Creative Collective wants to do a Fireworks booth in July 2019 at the 350 Yosemite Ave parking lot and donate some of the earnings to the Merced County Education Foundation. The parking lot is currently owned by MCOE. Discussed about whether MCOE’s insurance covers Fireworks booth sale operations. Phoenix Creative Collective will need to submit a facility use application to MCOE.

   Nancy Young-Bergman moved and Steve Gomes seconded to accept donations from sale of fireworks from the Fireworks booth pending MCOE’s insurance covers this activity. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

3. Republic Services: Stacie submitted for a grant on behalf of Los Banos Symphony Concert under the Foundation’s name. Republic Services awarded a grant in the about of $1,000.00 to the Foundation.

   Nancy Young-Bergman moved and Steve Tinetti seconded to award the $1,000.00 grant from Republic Services to the Los Banos Symphony Concert payable to the Merced Symphony Association. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.
4. Camper Sponsorships: Applications are ready to be sent out. Stacie will email application to the school principals, CASA (Court Appointed Children Advocates) representative and Merced County Human Services Agency. Board suggest adding grade the student will be entering, age and able to bring a friend onto the application. Only one of the students has to meet all the criteria set forth on the application.

Steve Gomes moved and Steve Tinetti seconded to open the application process for the 2019 Camper Sponsorship. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

E. CTE – Evelyn Eagleton Scholarships: Scholarships are ready for review. Stacie will contact Nancy and Janet to schedule a time meet and review the scholarships awardees.

Steve Gomes moved and Steve Tinetti seconded to authorize the MCEF Scholarship Committee to select and award the 2018-19 CTE-Evelyn Eagleton and Transportation Industry scholarships based on the previously established and approved criteria and the recommendation of MCOE CTE staff. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

F. 2019 Calendar Year Budget Adjustment: After reviewing the budget, it is discovered that there is funding available that can be moved from general to Arts Grants to cover item A above.

Steve Tinetti moved and Steve Gomes seconded to authorize adjustment to the 2019 Budget to move $1,000 from the general fund to the Arts Grants to pay for the Opera for Children mention in item A above. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

G. Approve 2018-19 Agreement with Merced COE for Administrative and Support Services

Steve Gomes moved and Steve Tinetti seconded to approve the 2018-19 Agreement with Merced County Office of Education for Administrative and Support Services for $5,000.00. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

H. Other Business

1. Sign Thank You Cards/Letters – 2019 Fundraiser: Steve Gomes send email thank you’s. The cards are for people who donate funds and items for the fundraiser.

VI. Future Agenda Items
A. Final Approval of Camper Sponsorships

VII. Adjournment

Nancy Young-Bergman moved and Steve Gomes seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 pm. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Young-Bergman, Secretary