

VHCC Educational Foundation, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Meeting 12:00 noon – Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center

Members Present:

James Cole, Dale Cook, George “Buzz” Helms IV, Carol Jones, Carla Keene, Roberta Looney, David Matlock, Joe Mitchell, Bill Rush

Members Absent:

Mary Begley, Regina Belcher, Jess Carter, Phillip Cavatoni, William Davis, Christine Fields, Bobby Griffin, Bill Hagy, J.W. Kiser, Tal McBride, Matthew Owens, Stacey Pomrenke, Ron Proffitt, James Rector, John Roberts, Jr., Mike Spiegler

I. Welcome and Approval of Minutes – Carol Jones

Carol Jones, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their service on the VHCC Educational Foundation and their service to the community.

The minutes for September 12, 2013 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Joe Mitchell and seconded by Roberta Looney to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Financial Report – David Matlock

David pointed out that everyone had a balance sheet and profit and loss statement in their packets. Johnston Memorial Hospital signed an agreement to give a total of \$240,000 for the next three years to fund one adjunct nursing faculty position. Mountain States Health Alliance has verbally agreed to provide \$450,000 for the next three years to fund adjunct nursing faculty for the Evening and Weekend Nursing Program.

III. Announcements – David Matlock

- **Doug Blevins – AACC Alumni of the Year.** Doug Blevins, a 1985 graduate of Virginia Highlands Community College who has gained national recognition for coaching professional football’s kickers from a motorized wheelchair, has been selected to receive the 2014 Outstanding Alumni Award from the American Association of Community Colleges. This is the second graduate from Virginia Highlands Community College to win this award. Richard Leigh was the first graduate to receive this award.
- **Campus Campaign** – Around 60 VHCC employees have contributed almost \$25,000 to the Educational Foundation through payroll deductions and checks for the year 2014.
- **Golf Tournament, April 28th** – The Seventh Annual VHCC Educational Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held Monday, April 28, 2014 at the Glenrochie Country Club in Abingdon, VA.
- **Richard Leigh Songwriters Festival, May 23rd and 24th** – The website for the Richard Leigh Songwriters Festival will go live January 1, 2014. Dale Cook, Joe Mitchell, Carla Keene, Buzz Helms and Mary Begley volunteered to form a committee to head up the

Richard Leigh Songwriters Festival event. Dale Cook agreed to chair the committee. The goal is to sell 20 tables for this event.

- **Annual Report** – Each Board member received a copy of the VHCC 2013 Annual Report. David pointed out that there were pictures and an article on the 2013 Richard Leigh Songwriters Festival in the report.

IV. Board Discussion

- **Rural Horseshoe** – The Rural Horseshoe Initiative will focus on middle class, foster care and high school dropouts. The goal is to hire full time career coaches in the high schools, where we only have part-time career coaches now and provide \$50,000 in GED scholarships. The VHCC Foundation has been challenged to raise \$85,000 in new money for 2014-15. There would be matching funds flowing through the VCCS, \$85,000 from the General Assembly and \$85,000 of donated funds. Right now we are being told that the \$50,000 grant from United Way will count as part of the \$85,000 from the Foundation.
- **Collins Endowment – Creating Extraordinary Student Experiences!** David and Schery Collins have taught at Virginia Highlands Community College for 40+ years. To enrich the learning opportunities for students at VHCC an endowment has been created to honor the Collins' years of service to the college and to provide resources for extraordinary student experiences. When the fund-raising goal of \$50,000 has been reached, the Collins Student Center at VHCC will be established in the ISC building. As of today \$4,200 has been donated to this endowment.

V. Additional Business/ Open Discussion

- The Alumni clock has been installed on the VHCC campus in the Commons area and a brick planter has been built around the base of the clock. Pictures of the clock were shown.
- Discussion of problems in the public education system with the number of students who have to enroll in remedial courses at Virginia Highlands Community College before they can enroll in college level courses.
- Discussion of securing space at the Small Business Incubator for teaching the welding and diesel mechanics classes.
- Joe Mitchell said money had been secured to update the electrical labs and changes were being made in the technical curriculums to provide up-to-date training.

VI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm.

Submitted by Virginia Pippin