

**Orange Coast College Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 4, 2022, 5:30 pm
Bergman-Rallis Residence**

Attendees: Dave Cline, Bill Wood, Kat Carroll, Eileen Lewis, Rich Pagel, Blade Gillissen, Madjid Niroumand, Rene Kinn, Mason Espinoza, Dave Grant, Lori Ginex-Orinion, Janet Ronnenberg, Christina Amaral, Shana Jenkins, Sean Wellengard, Michelle Grimes-Hillman, Doug Bennett, Angelica Suarez, Jeff Hyder, and Mary Lynn Bergman-Rallis

Guests: Ray Goldfein, Lorraine Prinsky, Steve Parker, Elizabeth Parker, and Sarah Hirsch

- A. **Welcome & Introductions:** Dave Cline welcomed everyone and gave compliments to the chef. The board members and guests went around each table to introduce themselves.
- B. **Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2022 Meeting:** Minutes were approved as emailed.
- C. **Accolades, Farewells, Welcome, Fanfare, and Party Favors:** Mary Lynn Bergman-Rallis announced that Sarah Hirsch made *Nordic Star* polo shirts available to all guests, bidding a farewell to *Nordic Star*. Mary Lynn welcomed everyone to her residence following a few years of pandemic and delivered accolades in inspiring words for Angelica Suarez and Elizabeth Parker. Mary Lynn presented Angelica and Elizabeth with a toast and extravagant OCC Themed Hats.
- D. **Waterfront Campus Report:** Doug Bennett presented the report on the Waterfront Campus. *Sveti Nikolai* has taken the place of *Nordic Star* in the docks at the Waterfront Campus. The boat was donated last week thanks to the efforts of Brad Avery, who cultivated the relationship with the donor over several years. *Sveti Nikolai* or Saint Nicholas in the Balkan language is a 2008 Ocean's Alexander 96ft vessel with 4 state rooms, with a value of roughly \$2 million. Doug hopes to hold a reception aboard the yacht later in the month. The Marine Committee met last Friday to discuss a finder's fee commission of \$100,000 to be offered to the broker who helped secure the vessel, which has yet to be finalized. The boat will be used in the Instructional Program for at least a year before it can be leased with an option to purchase. A budget will be presented at the next OCC Board Meeting regarding how to manage the boat. Doug Bennett passed it off to Sarah Hirsch to talk more about summer at the Waterfront Campus and plans for *Sveti Nikolai*. Sarah announced that the Youth Sailing Program has grown into an amazing Summer Camp. The staff at the Waterfront Campus (some alumni of the program) are helping young students build teamwork while navigating sailing. The Waterfront Campus also offered its first Professional Mariner for credit course to high school students from Santa Ana, who all did amazing work. There is exceptional enrollment for the Fall 2022. *Sveti Nikolai*, which will be renamed *Anacapa*, will be used in training as a dockside classroom, where students will get onboard, use the docklines, lower and raise the anchor, and use the crane on the top deck to launch the tender. Sarah Hirsch then presented the budget for the Waterfront Campus with income from the program being just over \$1 million and the cost being around \$565,000. Last year, of the requested \$500,000, only \$200,000 was used. The request is \$565,000 as needed mostly for staffing payroll. Angelica confirmed that the District Chancellor's cabinet approved the permanent position for the Waterfront Campus, so they can begin getting the position advertised. The motion to accept the Waterfront Campus budget was made, seconded, and carried.

- E. **College Report:** Angelica Suarez delivered the College Report (with her new apparel from Mary Lynn). Dr. Suarez gave a big thank you to the OCC Foundation Board and all the staff's help throughout her 3 years as President of OCC. At OCC currently for the Fall semester, enrollment has decreased only .16 so it appears as though the decline has plateaued and colleges across the country are moving into a period of stability. OCC's non-resident enrollment has increased by 11%, thanks to advertising and outreach. NASA on Campus is a community college aero-space scholar program that will be taking place at OCC thanks to faculty Eric Bender partnered with the Planetarium. OCC has partnered with Girls, Inc. of Orange County to assist girls in underserved communities with about 50 participants being exposed to the college environment involving tours of the campus and Planetarium encouraging the students to think about college early on. Dr. Suarez prefaced that the most important announcement that she had to make tonight was that the Chancellor stated last night that the Coast Community College District worked together to utilize federal stimulus money and forgive \$4.5 million in debt for our students allowing them to thrive and re-enroll on the campus. Angelica Suarez thanked Madjid Niroumand, Michelle Grimes-Hillman, and Rich Pagel for all their work in making this happen and supporting the students. The Coast Community College District will be welcoming a new Chancellor as Chancellor Weispfenning departs at the end of the month. 80% of OCC Classes will be on campus for the Fall.
- F. **Nominating Recommendations:** Dave Cline announced the nominating for Foundation Board renewal and recommendations with Peggy Fort, Marc Harper, Jeff Hyder, and Janet Ronnenberg to be nominated for new 3-year terms. Motion was made to accept the members onto the Board, motion was seconded and carried. Dave Cline announced nominations for Officers with Dave Cline nominated for another year as Chair, Jeff Hyder as Vice Chair, Marc Harper as Treasurer, and Peggy Fort as Secretary. Motion to accept these Officers was made, seconded and carried. The Nominating Committee formed last meeting and looked into potential board members. Dave Cline presented the CV's of all the prospective board members and proposed that they be offered 3-year terms on the Board. The motion was made, seconded, and carried. Invitations to be part of the Board will be presented to them.
- G. **Investment Update:** As Marc Harper was called away, Doug Bennett presented the Investment Report. Noted on the report after meeting with Northern Trust, the fiscal year to date was down 8.2%. The benchmark was down about 12% with the past 3 years being up 5% as opposed to the benchmark being 4%, so finances have been outperforming the benchmark. Marc who serves on several charities in the area noted that while we are down, the OCC Foundation is not as down as other foundations' endowments. All in all, the Investment Committee felt confident with the decisions of Northern Trust and we are looking forward to a stronger report in the future. If any wishes for the full report, then they can request it from Doug or Rene.
- H. **Associated Students Report:** Mason Espinoza gave the Associated Students Report as this coming year's ASOCC President. Mason reported that the 22nd or 25th of August will begin their ASOCC training, which is really important for incoming student government teaching procedures, leadership styles, and ethics. The Student Government is looking forward to the activity on campus and assisting/representing the student body. Mason is looking forward to giving a more detailed report when the semester starts up.
- I. **Friends of the Library Report:** Eileen Lewis spoke on the Friends of the Library Report stating that she discovered the American Library Association during these Covid times and proposed a memo of understanding to be presented at FOTL next Business Meeting on 8/16. The FOTL is planning a promotional recruitment in the style of "Ann Harmer wants you!" to encourage people to join, donate, and attend the meeting on 9/13. The Banff Film Festival will take place on 9/28

and 9/29. The Children's Book Fair will take place on 10/02. The FOTL Book Sale will take place on 10/18 and 10/19 (volunteers are needed).

- J. **Executive Directors Report:** Doug Bennett closed out the meeting with the Executive Directors Report by talking about the Foundation Development Coordinator job, which the Foundation approved a few meetings ago to fund 25% of the salary. The ability to apply for the position closes tomorrow at 11:59pm. The Hiring Committee met today with HR and as of this afternoon there were 14 applicants. It is hard to fill a position like this, but the Foundation is hoping to get quality candidates. Doug said that it was left off the agenda, but next meeting will have a full report on the progress of the Sand Volleyball courts. Jeff Hyder stated that they had a meeting with 15 individuals regarding the Sand Volleyball Courts, which will be going where the old pool and women's locker room is presently. The demolition is coming soon and the architects met with everyone and is offering their services pro-bono. Doug and Jeff are excited as there are grants offered to female centric athletics, which these Sand Volleyball Courts represent. The price tag will be about \$2 million. Jeff is hoping to give a report every other month on the progress of the Sand Volleyball Courts in honor of Jane Hilgendorf. Last night, approval on construction of the Telescope Farm went through the District Board. Construction will take place over 3 months and hopefully the January meeting will show off the Telescope Farm to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- The OC Children's Book Festival will take place on October 2nd.
- Foundation Board Meeting, **Thursday, September 22nd, 5:30pm in the College Center at OCC**