

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION  
BOARD ROOM, HIGHLANDS CAMPUS  
JANUARY 9, 2024**

**Members Present:**

Mr. Don Elwell	Dr. George Mousa	Judge Heather Beato
Mr. Fred Hawkins	Mrs. Kris Rider	Dr. Catherine Cornelius
Mrs. Robin Weeks	Mr. Robert Duncan	

**Excused:**

Mr. Corey Allain	Mrs. Sandee Braxton	Ms. Cheryl Brown
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Mrs. Bateman suggested May 4 for the Foundation's Annual Legacy Howl at the Moon Showcase event. Multiple organizations now offer the same event, Mrs.

Bateman asked the board if the Foundation should go forward with the event. Mrs. Bateman asked the board if the Foundation should go forward with the event.

Hawkins confirmed that there is no state funding for the dorms. After further discussion, the members agreed to begin a Capital Campaign.

- f. The contract for the Johnson Estate has been signed and the closing on the property has been set. Due to safety and liability reasons, Mrs. Bateman and Mr. Hawkins have agreed to move forward with Excavation Point to clear the property of all damaged items and remove waste.

Dr. McLochlin's Estate was appraised at \$165,000 and Mrs. Bateman has been informed of an interested buyer. Mrs. Bateman asked the Board for a sale price to move forward without a real estate agent at this time unless the potential sale falls through. Mr. Elwell suggested a sale price of \$175,000. Mrs. Weeks made a motion to authorize Mrs. Bateman to work with Mr. Swaine and the interested buyer, seconded by Dr. Cornelius as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

- g. Mrs. Bateman reminded the Board of officer elections at the Foundation Board meeting on May 14.

## **IX. ALUMNI RELATIONS AND OUTREACH**

Mrs. Fuchser shared photos of the culinary students serving Hors d'oeuvres at the Jacaranda Jubilee on November 27 and the student spotlight of the month.

Mrs. Fuchser's Giving Tuesday Campaign was supporting our tri-county area and the future leaders – helping to Pave the Path to Success. The Foundation set a goal of \$5,000 but we surpassed that amount hitting a total of \$10,000 with 41 donors. Mrs. Fuchser thanked everyone who donated and assisted with Giving Tuesday to achieve the goal.

Mrs. Fuchser invited the Board to attend the Foundation's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Million Dollar Hole-in-One Golf Shootout on January 11-13, 2024. She mentioned golf sponsorships are down compared to the previous years. Mrs. Fuchser shared a recap of the Foundation's events from 2019 through 2023.

Mrs. Fuchser announced the total amount of Annual Sponsorships is \$37,500. She thanked AdventHealth as our first-ever Platinum Sponsor. The Foundation is grateful for the contin . a % F

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The upcoming Alumni Networking Socials will be on January 18 at the Cowpoke's Watering Hole in Sebring, April 18 at Beef O' Brady's in DeSoto, July 9 at the Beef O' Brady's in Hardee, and October 10 at the Sebring Soda Shop and Ice Cream Works in Sebring.

In 2023, Mrs. Fuchser sold 9 of the Level 1 and 9 Lifetime Alumni Membership cards, a total of \$2,700 with \$270 supporting the Foundation's Alumni Scholarship. This year's Alumni Membership Program offers benefits from two new businesses, Square 1 Shooting Range and The Vault who are SFSC Alumni. The Alumni Association is taking 10% of each card sale and applying it to the Alumni Scholarship to grow the fund and start awarding scholarships.

Mrs. Fuchser will kick off Young Alumni monthly meetups starting on January 17 in Building B on the Highlands campus. She will meet with students on the Highlands campus again in February and will visit and connect with students located on all three campuses in March.

**X. TIME FOR DIRECTORS**

Mr. Elwell asked if there were any questions, comments, or concerns. There were none.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mr. Elwell adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.