



**Foundation Academic Angels Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, October 12, 2021
2:00PM**

Meeting Participants

Committee Members Present

Marge Dodge (Chair), Norma Castaneda and Peggy Jacobs

Non-Voting Committee Members Present

Nancy Harris

Committee Members NOT Present

Cynthia Cottrell and Linda Weakley

Guest(s)

Catherine Abbott and Matt Durkan

Recorder

Eve-Marie Dehondt

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

1.1 Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:03PM.

2. Action Items

2.1 Approval of Agenda: Foundation Academic Angels Committee Meeting of October 12, 2021 Agenda: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), the Committee may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda, upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of

the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a).

2.1 Confirmation of Agenda: Approval of Agenda for the Academic Angels Committee Meeting of October 12, 2021 with any addition, correction or deletions.

2.1 Conclusion

Peggy Jacobs moved to approve the agenda as presented, Nancy Harris seconded. Motion carried.

2.1 Follow-up Items	2.1 Task of	2.1 Due by
None	None	None

3. Minutes

3.1 Approval of the Academic Angels Committee Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2021.

The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Comments from the Public

4. 1 Comments From The Public: In accordance with Assembly Bill 361 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation is allowed. Questions will be accepted by email to codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu and read into the record during public comment. Persons who wish to speak to the Board on any item not already on the agenda may do so at this time. There is a time limit of three (3) minutes per person and fifteen (15) minutes per topic, unless further time is granted by the Board. This time limit will be doubled for members of the public utilizing a translator to ensure the non-English speaker receives the same opportunity to directly address the Board, unless simultaneous translation equipment is used. Requests should be directed to the Foundation as soon in advance of the Board meeting as possible.

There were no comments received from the public.

5. Discussion Items

5.1 Update on In-Person Welcome Back Member Tea – 11/18/2021

The Welcome Back Member tea is scheduled on November 18, 2021 from 3PM to 5PM at Barbara Fromm’s house in Indian Ridge, Palm Desert. The Committee will work on getting additional attendees as there are currently only 9 RSVPs received.

The guaranteed amount of people for the catering is 40 guests, but this could be extended if necessary. Another reminder might be sent next week to the invitees.

Marge Dodge and Nancy Harris talked with Barbara Fromm to discuss the preparations for the event the first week of October. They will set up a walk through on Tuesday, Oct 26 at 3 PM at Barbara Fromm's home to figure what is needed in terms of tables, heaters, valet parking, etc. Marge Dodge will provide information soon to Committee members interested in joining. Catherine Abbott will attend if her calendar is open.

Coeta Barker Foundation will purchase the wine, champagne and water at BEVMO for approximately \$400 for 70 attendees.

Marge Dodge invited Dr. Martha Garcia, the new College of the Desert President/Superintendent to attend but she unfortunately not available.

Marge Dodge will also introduce Catherine Abbott, Matt Durkan, Aurora Wilson and Shawn Abramowitz from Leadership Coachella Valley, who will introduce the students selected for the Learning to Lead program. Matt Durkan will work with Marge Dodge to invite them. Matt Durkan offered to transport the students to the events if needed. Jan Harnik will confirm soon if she can attend as she might have a conflicting meeting that day.

Marge Dodge also invited Kate Spates, who is a Leadership Coachella Valley graduate, a COD alumni, a COD Hall of Famer and he has served on the COD Board, to attend the tea. She would have many interesting information to share with the Academic Angels and the selected students.

Formal invitations were sent on October 1 to the Current, lapsed, lifetime members and some prospective members including the President's Circle members and the Foundation Board members.

RSVPs will be required for the event as this is a gated community and they will require a list.

Theresa Maggio has informed Marge Dodge that she would become an Academic Angels and would bring some friends to attend.

Peggy Jacobs asked to be sent the invitation again. Eve-Marie Dehondt will forward it to her.

5.1 Follow-up Items	5.1 Task of	5.1 Due by
Marge Dodge will provide information soon to interested Committee members for the visit at Barbara Fromm's house.	Marge Dodge	As soon as possible

Eve-Marie Dehondt will forward the invitation to the event to Peggy Jacobs.	Eve-Marie Dehondt	As soon as possible
Matt Durkan will work with Marge Dodge to invite the Learning To Lead Students	Matt Durkan/ Marge Dodge	As soon as possible

5.2 Membership and Renewal Email Blast Update

The Committee agreed to send the membership renewal email blast on December 1, 2021 to the current and expired members.

The Committee discussed the possibility to renew their dues in an easy way through Venmo or Zelle on their mobile, as this is a free option for non-profit organizations. Catherine Abbott will work with Amanda McCarthy to investigate on how to set this up for the Foundation.

5.2 Follow-up Items	5.2 Task of	5.2 Due by
Catherine Abbott will work with Amanda McCarthy to set Venmo and/or Zelle up for the Foundation.	Catherine Abbott	December 1, 2021

5.3 Update on Learning to Lead Program

Marge Dodge reported that four student recipients were selected, and she and Matt Durkan met three of them the Coachella Valley Leadership event at the Westin in early October. One of the students could not attend the program and therefore, the first alternate student, Christina Paredes was selected. Students have now started the program and Matt Durkan will attend the first session on Friday, October 15.

5.3 Follow-up Items	5.3 Task of	5.3 Due by

5.4 Holiday Lunch Event (December)

The Committee discussed the possibility to set up a Holiday Lunch in December and agreed to only keep the November tea and the April event this year, due to many other events already happening around December.

5.4 Follow-up Items	5.4 Task of	5.4 Due by
None	None	None

5.5 Spring 2022 Luncheon

After many discussions on options for a Spring 2022 luncheon, the Committee agreed to organize an event around Valentine’s Day, on **Wednesday, February 16** for approximately 100 guests. That event should be a great fundraising event, and the Committee will think about a theme. Marge Dodge will register this event in the Community Calendar.

5.5 Follow-up Items	5.5 Task of	5.5 Due by
Marge Dodge will register this event in the Community Calendar.	Marge Dodge	As soon as possible

6. Other discussions

Marge Dodge indicated that she went through the list of former Academic Angels with Donna Jean Darby and they made some edits as some people moved or passed away. She will send that list to Amanda McCarthy to update the database.

7. Adjournment

The Committee Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:34 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 – 2PM