



Minutes October 8, 2018

The Robeson Community College Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors met Monday, October 8, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. in the Charles V. Chrestman Workforce Development Building room #1848.

Members Present:

Mr. Johnny Robertson, Dr. Kimberly Gold, Mr. Alan Avant, Mrs. Morgan Jones, Mrs. Lisa Hunt, Mr. Mark Reif, Mrs. Linda Metzger, Mr. Bryan Britt, Mr. Bruce Mullis, Mr. Adrian Lowery, Mr. Joseph Martin, Mrs. Lucy Simmons, & Mrs. Eveland Wooten.

Excused Members: Mr. Wesley Washington & Mrs. Beth Hunt

Unexcused Members: Mr. Sherwood Southerland, Mrs. Crystal Collins, Dr. Michelle Cox & Mr. Eddy Covil

Others Present:

Mrs. Rebekah Lowry, Mrs. Ashleigh Windley, Mrs. Tami George & Mr. John Masters

Silent Roll Call

Chair Alan Avant called the meeting to order at 12:06 P.M. He welcomed everyone to the Robeson Community College Foundation Board meeting, and thanked everyone for coming and asked Mrs. Linda Metzger to provide the invocation. In addition, Mr. Avant noted that he would like to have an invocation at the beginning of each meeting in the future.

Approval of Financial Report provided by Mr. John Masters

Mr. John Masters provided the financial report to the board. He stated that both of the Form 990's have been electronically filed and accepted by the IRS. Financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 were found to be up to date and in compliance with no issues. The foundation staff maintained good control with approval from Mrs. Tami George (VP of Business Office) and Ms. Tamara Kemp (Treasurer). Mr. Masters provided graphs showing year end cash, investments, total cash & investments, total revenue, gains & other support, total expenses, increase in equity and gross proceeds from golf tournament fundraiser. Motion was approved by the board.

Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2018

Mr. Bruce Mullis made a motion to approve the minutes from July 16, 2018 board meeting and Mr. Joseph Martin seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Informational Items

Chair Avant discussed the Board of Director's directory, the committee directory and the upcoming 2018-19 Board Meeting Calendar.

Director's Report

Mrs. Rebekah Lowry began her Director's report by discussing the gifts report for the last quarter totaling \$96,376.89. Director Lowry shared with the board that Mr. Sammy Cox provided a generous gift to the foundation for the naming rights of the BLET building. She asked the board to thank him for his generosity. Mrs. Lowry also discussed gifts from the Golf Tournament and she noted that gifts are still flowing in for the tournament as well as the Always a Bridesmaid dinner theatre fundraiser with Purple Door Productions. In addition, Mrs. Lowry informed the board the Naming Rights ceremony for Mr. Sammy Cox will be in the middle of November. In addition, Mrs. Lowry updated the board with one of the fundraising goals that was set in July has been met, Campus Fund Drive. The goal was to raise \$27,000 and we are currently pledged for \$29,000.

Mr. Bruce Mullis provided the Golf Tournament update and informed the group that we had currently raised \$10,720.00 and that we have been experiencing minor setbacks due to issues from Hurricane Florence. Mr. Mullis noted that we are currently at 57% for board participation which is great, but we would like to be at 100% participation thru a personal contribution or contribution thru their business. Smithfield Chicken & BBQ will still be doing the catering even though the Lumberton location is currently closed. The food will be brought in from the Laurinburg location as well as the Hope Mills location. Mr. Mullis also noted that the course did have some minor damage from Hurricane Florence and would need to be cleaned up before the tournament.

President's Report

Dr. Gold began her report by discussing the July 2018, August 2018 & September 2018 President's Reports which included communication, marketing/partnerships, student engagement, high school/middle school outreach, academic programs, student support systems, physical learning environment, reaffirmation, budget/funding, program spotlight, student success, improving the learning & working environment, and growth and outreach throughout the county. Dr. Gold informed the board that Robeson Community College served as a shelter for nine days and served 20 people with 30 volunteers working the shelter. In addition, the parking lot near the auditorium served as a staging site for Duke Energy for one week and opened up our building for those linemen to sleep/rest.

Dr. Gold stated that Angela Sumner from the Lumberton Visitor's Bureau provided maps to the linemen because their GPS devices were unable to work to get to the areas where the power needed to be fixed. Robeson Community College will open the ComTech campus in Pembroke for students at CIS Academy because their school is currently flooded. We will also open our facilities for the Public Schools of Robeson County in the coming weeks.

Our school re-opened on September 27, 2018 and we had close to 100% attendance in every class. Our faculty/students missed a total of eleven instructional days will be made up during fall break, thanksgiving and the Christmas holiday. In addition, Hyde Park Baptist men served lunch to the campus Thursday 9/27, Friday 9/28 and Monday 10/1. Since Hurricane Florence, our food pantry on campus has served 111 people since the campus opened back up. We are still taking non-perishable food donations. Dr. Gold also talked about the email Mrs. Lowry sent regarding emergency funds. The Board of Directors as well as faculty and staff were encouraged to give to the emergency funds account because so many of our students have a great need following the hurricane. Mr. Adrian Lowery asked Dr. Gold what was the process in Robeson Community College becoming a shelter during the hurricane? She stated that Stephane Chavis from the Emergency Management office in Robeson County contacted her on Thursday 9/13 and asked if that would be an option. Mr. Bruce Mullis stated that we learn new things about inclement weather processes when we go thru these trying times. Mr. Martin asked if there was damage to any buildings on campus and Mrs. George and Dr. Gold followed up by letting the board know that some of the buildings and closets and damage from wind driven rain.

Dr. Gold discussed the Finish Line Grant for students who are close to completing their studies and it helps them with tuition and fees as well as the CCC Grant that we were awarded over a four year period. The CCC Grant will be \$1.2 million and Dr. Gold added that Mrs. Lisa Hunt worked very hard on getting this grant to Robeson Community College. Dr. Gold talked about our Honors program attending their Honor conference at UNC-Greensboro. Everyone was very complementary our students asked Dr. Gold if we can host the next Honors conference at Robeson Community College as a joint conference with UNC-Greensboro. The Board of Trustees meeting tonight will be discussing the naming rights policy in regards to the difference levels of gifts for buildings 10,000 sq. ft. - 12,000 sq. ft. Do we have a dollar amount for a building that falls in between that square foot level?

The Book 'Em North Carolina event as well as the Made in Robeson County event will be postponed until spring. Mrs. Lowry added that we have four student ambassadors and they have been very active on campus so far and will be at the upcoming foundation events.

Financial Reports

Tami George presented the financial report to the board members and \$10,860.60 has been spent from the budget that was approved at the July board meeting.

Mrs. Rebekah Lowry explained the negative in the budget (see below) and Mrs. George stated we should move \$573.00 from office supplies to software and not increase the budget.

-Araize software, FastFund Nonprofit Online system, raised their subscription fees

Mr. Bruce Mullis made a motion to move the money from office supplies to software and Mrs. Linda Metzger seconded the motion. Motion approved. Mr. Johnny Robertson made a motion to accept the final report as presented and Mr. Joseph Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Closing Comments

Mr. Adrian Lowery discussed how he really enjoys presenting the scholarship certificate at the Adult Education graduation. Dr. Gold informed the group that she will be unable to attend the golf tournament due to her Board of Trustees trip to New York. Mrs. Linda Metzger presented a group to the board regarding having a pennant or a painting of RCC put up at local restaurants/establishments. Mr. Avant noted that our meetings for the rest of the fiscal year will be held on Tuesdays.

Adjournment

Chair Avant asked there was any other business to cover for the good of the Foundation, hearing none the meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Avant
Foundation Chair

Dr. Kimberly Gold
Robeson CC President

Mrs. Rebekah R. Lowry
Foundation Director