

**HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Joint Meeting with Foundation Executive Board –
September 17, 2009

Chairman Snyder called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. in the Hummel Corporate and Professional Education Center, Room 282-283.

Trustees attending: Mr. Snyder, Mr. Luther, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Barbato, Mrs. Crandall, Mr. Dunn

Trustees absent: Mr. Russell, Mr. Accattato, Mrs. Clark

Foundation Executive Board: Mr. Bob Brenchley, Mr. Vincent Bono, Mr. Harrison Hummel, III

In Attendance: Dr. Ann Marie Murray, Mr. Laino, Mrs. Semo, Dr. Hawes, Ms. Ruffing

Guests: Ms. Julie Lewis, Mr. Vince Casale, Mr. James Franchi, Ms. Jacqueline Snyder

Chairman Snyder welcomed the Foundation Executive Board. Mr. Laino reported about the reorganization of the college with the Foundation. The Foundation has moved their offices and reports to Mr. Casale, with Ms. Julie Lewis working closely with him. There has been a lot of movement forward as far as how money is going to be raised. Mr. Casale then presented a Powerpoint to the Board of Trustees this evening that was previously presented to the Foundation Executive Board.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Casale went over the new organizational structure of the Foundation, the division of duties and the breakdown of different areas, and the Annual Fund, which will be renamed the *Herkimer Fund*.

The Foundation wants this fund to be thought of as a perpetual vehicle rather than a campaign. Mr. Casale discussed the three major fund-raising events--the Arts and Crafts Festival, the Generals Open, and the President's Gala. The Arts and Crafts Festival will be rebranded to the Mohawk Valley Premier Arts and Crafts Festival. Vendors and major business will be targeted. The Generals Open and the President's Gala will be built on last year's successes.

PRESENTATION OF FOUNDATION/HOUSING AUDIT

Mr. Laino gave an update regarding the roof in Johnson Hall that needs to be replaced. The college is projecting a start date for the project in May 2011 and a completion date in September 2011, based on 100% funding being secured. Mr. Brenchley reported that the Foundation is looking to consolidate some of the meetings. Mr. Dunn stated that as a result of last evening's Alumni meeting, he is excited about the changes and where things are going. Mr. Hummel reported that the Housing audit will be reported at the next board meeting. The Investment Committee is working on the Foundation investments, which are starting to move upward again. Dr. Murray expressed how grateful the board is for the Foundation listening to them and approving the reorganization and the relocation to the front of the RMCC, validating the importance of the Foundation Office and our donors.

CURRENT NEEDS OF COLLEGE

Dr. Murray reported that renovation of the science labs is a top priority. Architects have come

through and are very interested in the plan. Dr. Murray believes the college will get some good proposals. Dr. Murray and Mr. Oriolo will be looking at some science labs in high schools that have already been done by these architects. Scholarships, Dr. Murray feels, are a wonderful way to keep students here. She believes the Hope Scholarship was very successful and will be working with Ms. Ruffing in regard to the scholarships. The efforts the college made in targeting better students has been very successful. GPA's this year have been the highest of any incoming class. Mr. Hummel commended the college in the decision to move the Foundation to the front of the RMCC building.

Mr. Snyder then presented a PowerPoint that was presented at the NYCCT meeting that he, Dr. Murray and Mr. Dunn attended the previous week. The PowerPoint included: HCCC Quick Facts, State of Art Buildings, Premier Athletic Facilities, Apartment Style Housing, Impressive Guests, Presidential Search Time Line, Interview Process, Decision-Making Process, Final Outcome, and Our New President. Mr. Snyder highly recommended that the Board of Trustees attend NYCCT meetings, as they provide a wealth of information. Mr. Dunn, who also attended the meeting, stated that what he took away from the meeting was that HCCC is not alone in the issues facing them. Mr. Dunn stated that it was great to hear from colleagues around the state and how they handle issues, learning from their experiences.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.
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