



**Foundation Academic Angels Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, September 14, 2021
2:00PM**

Meeting Participants

Committee Members Present

Marge Dodge (Chair) and Peggy Jacobs

Non-Voting Committee Members Present

Nancy Harris

Committee Members NOT Present

Norma Castaneda, Cynthia Cottrell and Linda Weakley

Guest(s)

Catherine Abbott, Christine Anderson, Gailya Brown 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 2:02PM.

2. Action Items

2.1 Approval of Agenda: Foundation Academic Angels Committee Meeting of September 14, 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 September 14, 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 May 18, 2021. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Comments from the Public

4. 1 Comments From The Public: Comments from the Public: In accordance with Executive Order N-25-20 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation is allowed and will be accepted by email until September 13, 2021 at 5PM to codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu and read into the record during public comment.

There were no comments received from the public.

5. Discussion Items

5.1 Angels Newsletter Update

The Committee received a copy of the latest Academic Angels Newsletter in their meeting packets. Marge Doge acknowledged Amanda McCarthy, Linda Weakley and Catherine Abbott for their hard work on this project. The latest edition received a great and positive response, and brought new Academic Angels memberships.

5.1 Follow-up Items	5.1 Task of	5.1 Due by
None	None	None

5.2 Update on In-Person Welcome Back Membership Tea – 11/18/2021

The welcome back membership tea is scheduled on November 18, 2021 from 3PM to 5PM at Barbara Fromm’s house in Indian Wells. Christine Anderson reported that Barbara Fromm, who could not attend this meeting, informed her that she was looking forward to hosting the meeting at her place.

Coeta Barker Foundation donated \$5,000 to support this event. In the past, they purchased the wine, champagne and water at BEVMO for approximately \$400 for 70 attendees. They are still working on the valet, heaters and/or extra chairs.

Marge Dodge will schedule a Zoom meeting for her, Barbara Fromm and Nancy Harris to discuss the preparations for the event the first week of October. Then, they will set up a walk through at Barbara Fromm’s home, to see what will be needed in terms of tables, heaters, valet, etc.

Nancy Harris indicated that the catering contract with Lulu’s California Bistro was signed by the Coeta Barker Foundation last week and sent to the College of the Desert Foundation’s office. The guaranteed number of attendees is set at 50; however, this number can easily be updated.

Marge Dodge indicated that she has invited Jan Harnik who will be talking about the Learning to Lead program. Matt Durkan and Marge Dodge are scheduled to meet the four students who were selected to be part of the program this week, and they will invite them to the Membership Tea then. The entire staff from the Leadership Coachella Valley has also been verbally invited.

Formal invitations for the event should be sent by October 1 from the Foundation.

The event will comprise a presentation from Jan Harnik and Shawn Abramowitz, an acknowledgment from Marge Dodge on the members’ support, and the introduction of the four students selected for the Learning to Lead program. Invitees will be reminded that memberships run annually and invited to renew theirs for the upcoming year. This will be a short program of approximately 45mn. The event will also be an opportunity to fundraise for the Academic Angels.

Marge Dodge will invite Dr. Martha Garcia, the new College of the Desert President/Superintendent, to be a guest.

5.2 Follow-up Items	5.2 Task of	5.2 Due by
Marge Dodge will organize a meeting for her, Barbara Fromm and Nancy Harris to	Marge Dodge	First week of October 2021

discuss the preparations for the event the first week of October.		
Marge Dodge will organize a walk through at Barbara Fromm's house.	Marge Dodge	November 2021
Marge Dodge and Matt Durkan to invite the selected student to the Membership Tea	Marge Dodge/Matt Durkan	September 16, 2021
Formal invitations for the event will be sent on October 1 st from the Foundation.	Catherine Abbott	October 1, 2021
Finalize the agenda for the meeting	Marge Dodge/Catherine Abbott	October 2021
Marge Dodge to invite Dr. Martha Garcia to the event	Marge Dodge	September 2021

5.3 Membership Update

The current number of Academic Angels members is 40. As previously agreed by the Committee, the Academic Angels memberships run annually from January to December.

The Committee agreed that any new member joining at this time of the year would see their membership extend to the end of the next calendar year (December 2022)

Marge Dodge will work with Eve-Marie Dehondt to send out an email mid-November to all members asking them to renew their memberships.

5.3 Follow-up Items	5.3 Task of	5.3 Due by
Any new member joining at this time of the year will see their membership extend to the end of the next calendar year (December 2022)	Amanda McCarthy	December 2021
Marge Dodge will work with Eve-Marie Dehondt to send out an email mid-November to all members asking them to renew their memberships.	Marge Dodge/Eve-Marie Dehondt	Mid-November 2022

5.4 Update on Learning to Lead Program

Marge Dodge thanked Catherine Abbott for bringing this program to life, as it brought revitalization to the Academic Angels and provided them with a purpose. The Foundation received 37 applications for the Learning to Lead program, and 4 students were selected:

- Dakota De La Torre
- Vanessa Mejia
- Sergio R. Munoz
- Matthew Rubio

Short bios of the students were provided in the meeting material.

The Committee agreed to focus on raising funds for the Leadership Coachella Valley for the next ten months, while the program is ongoing for its first year. The great number of application received represent a great tool to convey the need for additional funding next year.

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

5.5 Proposed Seminars and Goal Coaches to enhance Learning to Lead

The Committee agreed to focus their efforts on raising funds for the program at this time. They will reconsider organizing seminars and goal coaches for the next group of students, after the program has run for a year and more info has been gathered on their needs.

5.5 Follow-up Items	5.5 Task of	5.5 Due by
None	None	None

5.6 Holiday Lunch Event (December)

The Committee discussed the possibility of organizing a holiday lunch event in December, but agreed to focus their efforts on the November Membership Tea. This item will be reconsidered at the October Committee meeting and should be added to the agenda.

5.6 Follow-up Items	5.5 Task of	5.5 Due by
Add back the Holiday Luncheon Event (December) to the October 12, 2021 Committee meeting agenda.	Eve-Marie Dehondt	October 12, 2021

5.7 Spring 2022 Luncheon

The Committee discussed the possibility of organizing a luncheon in the Spring of 2022, as this is a historical event. The Committee agreed that a Citizen of Distinction luncheon would not be considered this year, and a smaller event should be organized around late April, after the Stepping Out for College of the Desert Event. Catherine Abbott suggested that the Committee should consider collaborating with a College event, or a Leadership Coachella Valley event that would take place around that time of the year, if possible.

5.7 Follow-up Items	5.7 Task of	5.7 Due by
This agenda item will be added back to the October Committee meeting agenda.	Eve-Marie Dehondt	October 12, 2021

5.8 Frequency of Academic Angels Committee Meetings

The Committee agreed to keep meeting every second Tuesday of each month at 2PM. They will work on keeping the meeting under 30 minutes.

5.8 Follow-up Items	5.8 Task of	5.8 Due by
None	None	None

6. Adjournment

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 – 2PM