



**COD Foundation: Academic Angels Committee
Minutes**

Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 2:00 PM

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Voting Committee Members:

Marge Dodge (Chair), Norma Castaneda, and Jane Saltonstall

Non-Voting Committee Members:

Shari Stewart, Cynthia Cottrell, Nancy Harris, and Linda Weakly

Quorum (51%): 3

Subject to Brown Act: Yes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

1.1 Call to Order

The Chair called meeting to order at 2:06 PM.

1.2 Roll Call

Marge Dodge, Jane Saltonstall.

Non-Voting: Shari Stewart, Linda Weakley.

2. Agenda

2.1 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).

2.2 Confirmation of Agenda: Approval of agenda for the Academic Angels Committee Meeting of February 14, 2023, with any additions, corrections, or deletions.

3. Minutes

3.1 Approval of the Academic Angels Committee Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2023.

Confirmation of the minutes as presented.

4. Comments from the Public

4.1 Public Comments: In accordance with Senate Bill 361 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation is allowed and will be accepted by email to codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu and read into the record during public comment or by using the raise your hand function by joining the Zoom link. There is a time limit of three (3) minutes per person. All comments must be submitted or brought forward prior to the end of the public comments section.

No Public Comments.

5. Action & Discussion Item

5.1 Learning to Lead 2023/24 Roll Out

Marge Dodge informed that applications will be available May 1, 2023. Cathy Abbott informed that representative of Academic Angels Committee is invited to promote program at the upcoming pLEDGE workshops. Cathy Abbott to follow up with further information regarding the workshops. Linda Weakley and Sheri Stewart expressed interest in participating in workshops.

5.2 April 10, 2023, Spring Lancheon – Theme/Venue

Main option for hosting the event is currently Acrisure Arena. Marge Dodge informed that despite previous information from Rich Franklin, the venue is charging \$2500 for event space rent, and extra fees for equipment and catering. The approximate estimation for tickets in this case will be around \$200 in case 50 participants could join. Marge Dodge enquired if there was a way to eliminate the \$2500 fee, Cathy Abbott suggested finding a sponsor to underwrite the fee. There is an alternative option of hosting this event through Donna McMillan at Vintage Country Club, which will save money. Linda Weakley suggested Crystal for the event, Marge Dodge also to reach out to Nancy Harris with the Donald and Coeta Barker Foundation to see if she might be interested in underwriting the event.

5.3 Membership Renewal Update

- 68 Life Members
- 28 renewed, \$7000 in revenue
- 32 members have not renewed

Marge Dodge suggested more membership renewals should take place at the mixers. Jane Saltonstall recommended sending out reminders for renewal, Marge Dodge to follow up with Amanda McCarthy. Amanda McCarthy shall bring tablet to mixer on March 1, 2023, in order to continue renewals as well.

5.4 Monthly Mixers

The Academic Angels is hosting their first mixer at Mitches on March 1, 2023. A few long time Academic Angels are planning to attend. The evening will end promptly at 6:30 p.m.

5.5 AB 361 – Suspension of Virtual Meetings

Marge Dodge informed that the current session was the last one held online. As of next month, this meeting will be held at the Foundation's new location board room in person. It was suggested to move the time of the meeting to 2:30 PM.

6. Adjournment

6.1 Next Meeting: March 14, 2023, 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

6.2 Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 02:41 PM.