

AC Hereford Campus Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Hereford Chamber of Commerce

Minutes

Members present: Mr. Randy Farr, Mr. Daniel Esquivel, Mike Schueler, Major Barela, Sue Summers, Karron Smith, Adrian Alejandre, Jerry Smith, Don Taylor, and Lacy Mueggenborg.

Mr. Farr opened the meeting with an invocation.

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed by members present. No discussion.

Director's Report:

Daniel Esquivel reported 2010 fall semester enrollment was up from 2009 from 238 to 308. This means contact hours increased which will increase funding. For the first time, the Hereford campus has a balance between day and evening classes. Employers seemed to be more supportive of students to let them attend classes during work hours.

The new mobile lab should be here in about 2 weeks. We will have it here and then take it to local area high schools in Hereford, Friona and Dimmitt for a "show and tell". The lab seats 10 to 12 students and will be used for academic as well as continuing education classes. We will need to purchase a ¾ ton truck to pull the trailer. Check with dealerships for possibly donating a truck in exchange for advertising.

Amarillo College common reader for Fall 2010 semester is *Flags of Our Fathers*. The author, James Bradley, will be speaking at the Amarillo Globe News Center on Oct. 28th at 7:00p.m. There are books available at no cost for any committee member. If there are enough students that would like to attend the James Bradley speech and book signing, Daniel will take them in the AC van.

Hereford campus will be hosting the AC Board of Regents Meeting on Tuesday, October 26th at 5:45 p.m. All advisory members are invited. Dinner will be served.

November 8th will begin Spring registration.

New Issues/Strategic Discussion:

Mr. Farr suggested the Capitol Campaign Committee needs to be a separate committee with money expertise. He asked the board to think about possible people to contact to serve on that committee. Dr. Matney will also appoint members. Approximately \$8 million will be needed

for the new campus. Adrian suggested checking into Q.S.C.B. (Qualified School Construction Bonds)

Don Taylor asked a question concerning the makeup of Amarillo College and its campuses. Daniel explained some of the classes available at the different AC campuses. Hereford campus is mainly basics. Hereford does not offer a GED program. Region 16 offers GED and then refers to AC.

Other Business:

Daniel will poll committee members for objections to donating \$5000 to Y.M.C.A.

The Board of Regents Meeting will substitute for the October Advisory Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned

6:15 p.m.