

Minutes of the Meeting of October 3, 2006

Members present: Nancy Brent, Angie Alvarez, Ann Ray, Sally Evans, Enid Bates, Allegra Bush, Della Dunn-Wiesen, Stephanie Kordas, Karla Koontz, Elizabeth True, Lynda Barksdale, Louise Ross, Donna Moore, Moselle Ford, Mike Bellah, Elayne Shults, Tony Salazar, Debby Carey, Pam Kinnan, Janice Joyner, Ron Long. Guests: Terri Smith, Linda Danforth, Yolanda Salazar.

Nancy Brent called the meeting to order. Moselle Ford was introduced as a new member of the Adult Students Program Community Advisory Committee. Yolanda Salazar, wife of board member Tony Salazar, was also introduced. The Salazars have a scholarship fund the Adult Students Program awards from each semester.

New committee membership directories were handed out. Nancy reviewed the yearly calendar. An additional meeting was added in April 2007 which will focus on the book sale.

Nancy reviewed awards made by the Adult Students Program for the Fall 2006 semester. She explained some of the emergencies that were awarded included consumable books. Myrna Raffkind made a contribution to be used for students who were in loan default. Two students were recipients.

Allegra Bush asked if Amarillo College is the only college who has a program like our Adult Students Program. Nancy explained that other schools have programs like ours but all don't have foundations to support their needs. Della Dunn Wiesen asked about the amount awarded for transportation assistance per semester. Nancy explained this amount is calculated by the mile and the criteria used to determine eligibility for Perkins monies. Perkins auditors were at Amarillo College last year and sent a letter later stating how they were impressed with how we handle all the details and paperwork. He plans to cite it to other colleges. Perkins amounts to the Adult Students Program were reduced a couple of years ago and have remained approximately the same each year since. Pam Kinnan asked if there is still a single parent grant, and Nancy explained that this was what the Carl Perkins grant was.

Nancy announced to the committee that Marianne Jones retired. Her position was Adult Students Program counselor on the West Campus. Nancy Brent, Angie Alvarez, and Jo Beth Hill from the Washington Street Campus have been working on the West Campus on a rotating basis to take care of student needs. Donna Moore asked if Marianne's position would be filled. Nancy explained she is waiting to see if we would be able to fill the position. Depending on the answer, she might have to ask for the support of the Community Advisory Committee at a later date.

Pam Kinnan asked for clarification on the Amarillo College Foundation letter that will be mailed out regarding funds that are endowed or non-endowed. Nancy explained the difference between the two. Once a scholarship fund reaches \$10,000 it can be endowed. Enid Bates stated she felt the Adult Students Program should be matched. Nancy explained that approximately fifty individual scholarships are under the Adult Students Program umbrella, and not all could be matched. She will get a list of all Adult Students Program scholarships on the matching list by the next meeting.

Nancy announced that the Adult Students Program has received a donation from the High Plains Kiwanis group to be used for emergencies.