



Classified Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan. 20, 2023

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Kentfield Campus
and via Zoom

Present: CS Officers: Maridel Barr, President; Janis Olson, Secretary; Kim Foulger, Treasurer; CS Senators: Sally Wong, Brier Welch, Manny Rodriguez.

Absent: Monica Applegate, Vice President, Melanie Palomino, and Lauren M Amundson.

Follow Up

Agenda Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.

Minutes Motion was made and seconded to approve December's Minutes. The motion to approve November's meeting minutes was postponed allowing Classified Senators the opportunity to read the minutes before voting.

Guest Presentations: None today.

Board President Report

Maridel learned at the Board of Trustees meeting that our budget is uncertain as a result of budget problems at the State level. But, as a Basic Aid Community College, this would not impact COM's finances greatly, as we receive most of our funding from local property taxes.

Maridel also advised the CS that PG&E was going to increase their rates significantly. The cost of gas was raised from 70 cents to \$5.00 a therm.

Maridel and Kim continued their Reports by giving a brief history of CPLC and how important it is for the Classified employees to participate in the hiring screening committees.

Maridel pointed out the Annual Classified Senate Conference would take place this year in Visalia, from June 7th through June 9th. Maridel suggested that CS consider attending this meeting/seminar. The Classified Senate would be able to contribute some funds toward the registration fee. Maridel also mentioned that there may other funds available for potential attendees. If anyone is interested, you should contact Maridel to discuss funding possibilities.

Maridel further reported that we did go forward and purchased the tumblers in three colors. The total cost came to \$445.24.

Kim gave the Treasurer's Report. We currently have a balance of \$2,348.69 in our bank account.

Events and Calendar Planning for 2022-2023 Classified Senate Calendar. Classified Senators discussed possible activities for the Spring of 2023. Some of the brainstorming resulted in these possibilities:

1. A combination of Yoga and Meditation held during Community Hour on Mondays – Called "Meditation Mondays," which would be a great way for Classified Employees to strengthen



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themselves as they begin their week. Dates to be determined by Maridel. Maridel will research the possibility of having this session in both Zoom and live on campus.

2. "Walking Wednesdays," which would take place during the Community Hour on Wednesdays. Again, another opportunity for Classified Employees to center themselves during the busy week. Ron Owen asked if the Wellness walks could be combined with the "Benefits Initiative." This would be a way to possibly increase participation by awarding prizes to those who participate in our Wellness Walks.
3. A Spring Breakfast was discussed for Tuesday, March 28th.
4. CS Book Club will take place on January 26, 2023 to discuss our latest book, "Wild Swans."

The CS decided to put off discussing other activities in depth until we had a larger number of CS in attendance. Hopefully, this will happen at our next meeting. The other activities previously discussed were:

1. Host Bocce Ball Games, which may be also be done virtually
2. Host a Treasure Hunt with painted rocks
3. Host a Magic Show, financially supported through requested donations

It was also discussed that we **change our meeting date from Friday to Thursday** to determine if this increases participation.

Governance Committee Reports None today.

Wrap Up Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Next regular meeting of the Classified Senate on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU!