



Advisory Board Meeting May 21, 2012

Members Present: *Jacob Goldberger, MD; Dr. Karen Nathan; Vicki Santini; Dr. Dean Traiger; Gary Trippe; Ann Wilke; Gina Sabiston; Roger Scott, MD, Curator; Dr. Jeff Elsberry, Academic Liaison for the College; Dr. Edith Pendleton, Dean, Learning Resources; Ron Bishop, Director of Galleries/Museums*

Members Absent: *Richard Akin; Suzanne Edwards; Dr. Stephen Machiz; John Sheppard*

Others in Attendance: *J. Dudley Goodlette, Interim District President; Arlene Knox, Director of Development; Genevieve Matz, Recorder*

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Elsberry welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes 27 February 2012

Mr. Trippe moved, seconded by Ms. Wilke, to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2012 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Museum Fund Raising

Dr. Pendleton reported that due to current budget constraints, the Curator position would not be funded by the College after June 30. She recommended that part of the \$18,200 donated to the Museum and currently held by the Edison Foundation, be used for this purpose. Dr. Pendleton enumerated the many services provided gratis by the College to support the museum, including secretarial support, a student assistant, office space, equipment and custodial services, public safety, computer support, utilities and parking, publicity and website maintenance. Dr. Nathan moved, seconded by Mr. Trippe, to approve \$10,000 to fund the Curator salary from July through December 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Knox offered an explanation of the role of the Edison Foundation and its current fund raising practices. With the leadership of the College in an evolving state, it is uncertain what the impact will be on the Foundation and its initiatives and how the needs of the College will be identified. The Foundation staff will be available to provide the necessary guidelines for fund raising initiatives, including grant proposals, on the Museum's behalf. Additionally, the marketing department will be enlisted for support.

4. Update on Storage Options

Dr. Elsberry reported that a verbal agreement was reached providing free long term storage space in the new LeeSar building off of Metro. He expressed appreciation to Dr. Nathan for her assistance. The pallet/shelf areas will accommodate approximately two-thirds of the existing storage. The goal is to reduce some of the existing collection prior to relocation. In addition, transport to and from the LeeSar facility will be readily available. Dr. Goldberger will initiate contact to obtain additional storage space at the old Gulf Coast Hospital for staging and cataloguing purposes.

5. Grant Funding for Catalog Development

Dr. Pendleton reported that a decision regarding the Museum's grant submission to the Fort Myers Rotary Club will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead. Mr. Bishop will contact a grant writer who has assisted him in the past to determine if she will be able to assist in identifying available grant opportunities.

6. Curator's Report

Dr. Scott reported that 218 visitors have toured the Museum between March 1 and May 21. These numbers include 137 Edison students, area visitors, nurses, and participants on break from events held in the adjacent meeting room. There were a total of 21 donors during these months, with the number of items donated exceeding 450. The most recent acquisition was a Sanborn Metabolator. Dr. Scott expressed the need for additional advertisement and his willingness to provide tours during off-hours. He also expressed appreciation for those students who have come to the Museum as part of their community service project.

7. Future Advisory Meeting/Adjournment

The next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 20, 2012 at 6:00 pm. Dr. Goldberger moved, seconded by Dr. Scott, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. The motion passed unanimously.