Call to order: A regular meeting of the Rio Hondo College Foundation was held at Rio Hondo College, Whittier, CA on April 26, 2013. The meeting convened at 4:08 pm, President Neal Welland presiding.

Members in attendance: Ellie Bewley, Rich Casford, Teresa Dreyfuss, Robert Holcomb, Terry Keller, John Peel, Mohamed Rassmy, Neal Welland. Foundation Staff: Howard Kummerman, Janet Castagnola

Members not in attendance: Irma Rodriguez Moisa, Sylvia Southerland, Norma Garcia, Brenda Wiewel

Approval of minutes of December 6, 2012 meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted by John Peel. Seconded by Rich Casford. Motion carried.

Foundation President’s Report (Neal Welland)

1. Gisela Spieler-Persad spoke about the MESA/STEM Scholarship program
2. Scholarships:
   a. Neal is happy to report that the Foundation has moved forward to resume awarding scholarships.
   b. Numerous scholarships will be awarded to students next month.
   c. Veterans Loan program has had some updates
3. Infrastructure:
   a. New technology is being implemented.
   b. NextGen software for scholarship applications is being prepared for use. Students will only have to fill out one application and the software will match them up to scholarships they qualify for.
4. Public Relations:
   a. The Foundation website is currently being updated.
5. 50th Anniversary Celebration was a success.

Financial Report (John Peel)

1. College Audit was done in December 2012 and the Foundation had theirs completed in March 2013
   a. Motion to accept the financial report and audit report by Rich Casford. Seconded by Ellie Bewley. Motion carried.

College President’s Report (Teresa Dreyfuss)

1. 50th Anniversary Celebration was well attended and very successful. Medallion awardees were honored.
2. In mid-March a time capsule was created and is in the Putnam bust.
3. On April 1st the El Monte Education Center opened.
4. PE Complex will be opening
5. Board approved upgrades to softball field.
7. Budget-waiting for revision, economy still slow to recover

Executive Director's Report (Howard Kummerman)

1. Operations and Infrastructure
   a. Foundation office has been moved to the L-building room 401
   b. Insurance-all insurance is up to date.
   c. Donor software - update to Donor Perfect Online will be starting next week. It will help with fundraising tools, donations, and reporting.
2. Scholarships
   a. A college scholarship committee has been formed and is chaired by Robert Holcomb. His committee has gone through and evaluated the applications that were started last year. The Foundation Scholarship committee, led by Terry Keller has also reviewed the applications. A simple scholarship reception is being planned in mid-May. Howard will be sending out an invitation as soon as the date is confirmed.
   b. The Foundation continues to post links to outside scholarship opportunities on its web page.
   c. Howard continues to work with the program funds on campus.
3. Marketing/Community Relations
   a. Website-working on updates
   b. Getting the word out through campus emails and e-messenger of the numbers and amounts of scholarships
4. Development and Fundraising
   a. A year end appeal went out in December 2012 that brought in additional funds.
   b. El Monte Promise Grant CDBG - $50,000
   c. Work with individual donors, i.e. Presidents Circle
   d. 50th Anniversary Celebration will bring additional funds to the Foundation.
   e. The Theatre Department will be having a Reunion fundraiser event that the Foundation office will assist with on May 18, 2013 at 6pm.

Action Items

1. John Peel requested that the minutes of the December 6, 2012 be corrected to show that Ellie Bewley had attended.
2. Neal Welland presented the list of students that the Rio Hondo College Scholarship committee found eligible for scholarships. John Peel made a motion that the scholarship disbursements be made, Rich Casford seconded. Motion was carried.
3. Neal Welland announced that he had received letters of resignation from Karime Sanchez Bradvica and Reyna Del Hara. Rich Casford motioned to accept the resignations. Ellie Bewley seconded. Motion was carried. A discussion ensued about the need to recruit new board members

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.