

NMSU Pioneers Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Alumni and Visitors Center

Agenda

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| I. | Call to Order | Emmit Brooks |
| II. | Review and Approval of October 17, 2019 Minutes | Emmit Brooks |
| III. | Election of Officers | Emmit Brooks |
| IV. | Benefits Update | Armando Molina |
| V. | Board Resignations | Emmit Brooks |
| | a. Lavona Ewing | |
| | b. Nancy Vehstedt | |
| VI. | Financial Report | Leslie Cervantes |
| VII. | Oral History | Denise Welsh |
| VIII. | Membership Committee Update | Dianna Gibson |
| IX. | Fall Luncheon Review | Emmit Brooks |
| | a. Spring Luncheon March 12, 2019 | |
| | i. NMSU Golf Course | |
| | ii. Program | |
| X. | Advancement Update | Leslie Cervantes |
| XI. | Other Business | Emmit Brooks |
| XII. | Adjourn | Emmit Brooks |

NMSU Pioneers Board Meeting Minutes

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- I. Call to Order
President Emmet Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was achieved with 11 members present.
- II. Review and Approval of October 17, 2019 Minutes
Melchor Ortiz asked for clarification of the Treasurer's Report. The numbers were explained and will be changed in the minutes. Gregg Throneberry moved to accept the minutes as amended, and Angela Throneberry seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
- III. Election of Officers
Melchor Ortiz was elected President Elect, Dianna Gibson as Secretary, and Anna Price as Treasurer.
- IV. Benefits Update
The NMSU Benefits Office representative was unable to attend. Angela Throneberry asked about possible legislation dealing with NM Educational Retirement. Leslie Cervantes read summaries of some of the bills. She will send the full summary to the Board via email.
- V. Board Resignations
Two members have resigned from the Board so will need to be replaced. The Board members were encouraged to recruit possible Pioneers and give their names to Emmet Brooks. A vote will be held via email in time for the next Board meeting.
- VI. Financial Report
Leslie Cervantes presented the financial report for Anna Price.
 - A. Operating Budget

The beginning balance as of July 1, 2018 was \$2,138.92. Total expenses were \$1,145 for a balance of \$2,667.98 as of January 31, 2019. There are pending charges of \$302; refer to the report for details.
 - B. Book Scholarships

The beginning balance was \$5,072.25. After donations of \$4,275, the stewardship charge of \$50, and \$4,000 given out in scholarships, the balance as of January 31, 2019, was \$5,297.25. It was noted that the donations include two larger donors. Both scholarship recipients received the second half of the scholarship.

Gregg Throneberry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and George Abernathy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- VII. Oral History
Martha Andrews of the University Library provided Emmet Brooks with guidelines from Baylor University regarding proper methods for conducting oral histories. Because of the complexities of these rules and the legal limitations, Emmet said this project is more complex than originally

thought. Therefore, the Pioneers are not in a position to undertake this project on a large scale. He will encourage luncheon attendees to contribute interesting stories to the University Archives and/or to the Pioneers. Denise Welsh submitted a history of the area provided by Bob Porter. Olga Conter asked for the background of this project. Emmit described his concern that much of history of people at NMSU will be lost. It was suggested that perhaps some of the stories could become presentations at the luncheons.

VIII. Membership Committee Update

Dianna Gibson reported that the committee will be given a revised list. The committee will then continue making personal contacts with members. The luncheon speakers are key in attracting members to the luncheons. Jeff Witte of NMDA, histories, and the dual-credit programs are possibilities. Student organizations also could be invited.

IX. Fall Luncheon Review

A. The Fall 2018 Luncheon was reviewed.

B. The Spring Luncheon will be held on March 12, 2019, at the NMSU Golf Course. The wording for the invitation was discussed in an effort to enhance the number of attendees.

X. Advancement Update

A. Leslie reported the Pioneer donations from July 1, 2018, through February 11, 2019, totaled \$4,325 given by 41 people, averaging approximately \$100 each. The large printed direct mail appeal resulted in \$770 from 7 donors, roughly the same average as the regular donations. Due to the high expense of the direct mailing, only electronic appeals will be made in the future. The results of the matching dollars on Giving Tuesday are still pending

B. A calendar for 2019 showing Board meetings, luncheons, and Giving Tuesday was distributed to Board members.

C. The Vice President for Advancement position has not been advertised. Tyna Byford continues to serve as the Interim Vice President and CEO.

XI. Other Business

Angela Throneberry said that the Service Project is still pending. Leslie Cervantes described the Aggie Serve effort where groups such as NMSU Alumni in a particular city perform a service activity. The Pioneers could participate in this. Angela and Deb Widger will pursue this and report. Their goal is to complete something by August.

XII. Adjournment

Angela Throneberry made a motion to adjourn with a second from George Abernathy. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.