



**MINUTES – MEC REGULAR MEETING  
4:15 P.M. – 5:50 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007  
PIMA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Dr. Louis Albert, Bill Ardern, Ashley Applebee, Robert Breault, Mark DeWeerd, Katie Dreeland, Betty Elasowich, Tom Ellis, Margie Hildebrand, Diana Jimenez-Young, Xavier Manrique, Rebecca Melland, Jo Riester, Sr. Rosa Maria Ruiz, Henrietta Shepard, Jay St. John, Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Pat Wiedhopf, Alma Yubeta (for Richard Fimbres).

NON-COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Fran Embrey Senechal, Edward Nossem, Amy Oggel, Sandy Bohn, Andres Cano, Nicole Bryant.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER –DR. JAY ST. JOHN

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jay St. John at 4:10 p.m.

2.0 FINANCIAL REPORT – XAVIER MANRIQUE

ASSETS:

Total Current Assets:	140,358.88
Total Fixed Assets:	<u>200.10</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:	140,558.98

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Total Current Liabilities:	15,004.48
Total Equity:	<u>125,554.50</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	140,558.98

Motion to approve Financial Report for February 2007: Margie Hildebrand  
Second: Betty Elasowich  
The motion carried unanimously.

### 3.0 APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2007 MEETING MINUTES – DR. JAY ST. JOHN

Motion to Approve the February 21, 2007 MEC Meeting Minutes:

Dr. Louis Albert

Second: Diana Jimenez-Young

The motion carried unanimously.

### 4.0 NOMINATING COMMITTEE – BILL ARDERN

Bill Ardern, Pat Wiedhopf, and Raul Nido have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee to nominate MEC officers for the 2007-08 year. The 2007-08 Slate is:

Chair, Dr. Louis Albert

Vice-Chair/Issues Committee Chair: George Favela

Treasurer, Xavier Manrique

Secretary, TBD

Immediate Past Chair, Dr. Jay St. John.

A complete slate will be presented at the April 18, 2007 meeting.

### 5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 5.1 Budget – Bill Ardern

The budget is tracking appropriately for the year so far.

#### 5.2 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon –Crystal Apple Chair Margie Hildebrand

We have 31 table commitments so far. Commissioners are asked once again to procure table sponsorships. Inside Tucson Business is printing the CAA program again this year. The 2007 Crystal Apple Awardees are:

Lifetime Achievement: Governor Janet Napolitano

Teacher Award: Kristin Bourguet

Corporate Award: BHP Copper, Inc.

Small Business Award: Javalina's Coffee & Friends

Youth Award: Chantal Tellez Koestel

Special Award: Dr. Henry "Hank" Oyama

Special Award: Charles Oldham

#### 5.3 Appointments – Pat Wiedhopf

We have one Resignation, Vanessa Pham, Youth Commissioner. She is replaced by Ashley Applebee, pending vote.

Motion to approve Ashley Applebee as MEC Youth Commissioner: Jo Riester

Second: Pat Wiedhopf

The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Applebee gave a short introduction of herself to the Commissioners.

#### 5.4 YAC/TTC – Fran Embrey Senechal

The YAC/TTC members are on task with various projects.

On March 1, 2007, YAC/TTC members attended the Governor's Youth Leadership Council in Phoenix.

The LULAC Youth Leadership Conference was held on March 14-15 at PCC West Campus. YAC/TTC members assisted in the Career Fair.

The Transition Fair is scheduled for April 25, 2007, at the Arizona School for the Deaf & Blind.

The Teen Town Hall is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2007, at the Catalina Magnet High School Cafeteria. They will provide 400 chairs. We are expecting a partnership with the Tucson Citizen to help with a media campaign. YAC/TTC members are expected to actively promote the event.

The Outstanding Teen Citizens (11 this year) and the Goal One Graduate!/Meta Numero Uno: Graduar! Poster Contest winners have been selected and will be announced once they have been notified.

The TREO Economic Blueprint event, "Securing Our Future Now", will take place at the Fox Theater on March 28, 2007. Nancy Smith has arranged the donation of VIP tickets for YAC/TTC members to attend.

#### 5.5 Issues – Dr. Louis Albert

The College Access Center is moving forward. Pima County has agreed to fund ½ of the expenses, pending Supervisors' approval; the City half is anticipated. Dr. June Webb-Vignery and Dr. Lou Albert will meet with Councilman Steve Leal to discuss City funding soon. With City & County support, the College Access Center (CAC) is expected to become a reality. Intern Paul Lovelis has alerted the Executive Committee about a very useful database/website of which the CAC can take advantage.

The next MEC meeting, on April 18, 2007, will be a Town Hall on Providers of Early College Access Services; Dr. Jay St. John will moderate in Dr. Lou Albert's absence.

#### 6.0 PRESENTATION: REAL LIFE, REAL TALK

A Presentation by Amy Oggel and Sandy Bohn of Planned Parenthood, Real Life, Real Talk, a program dealing with youth and adult sex education and access to resources, was given. An open discussion of the program followed. Commissioners decided to discuss the project with their constituencies and a vote concerning partnership will take place at the April 18, 2007 meeting. Transcripts of the presentation and discussion are available from the MEC office upon request.

#### 7.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No action.

#### 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Dr. Jay St. John

Second: Xavier Manrique

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.