

**DISTRICT BOARD ANNUAL RETREAT  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021  
8:30 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The BTC District Board and Foundation Board held a joint Retreat on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at the Janesville Country Club 2615 West Memorial Drive, Janesville, in the Terrace Room.

**Board Members Present:** Eric Thornton, Chairperson; Barbara Barrington-Tillman, Vice-Chairperson; Rich Deprez, Secretary; Rick Richard, Treasurer (arrived 11:00 a.m.); Laverne Hays; and Steve Pophal (arrived noon).

**Board Members Absent:** Suzann Holland and Kathy Sukus.

**Staff Present:** Dr. Tracy Pierner; Kathy Broske; Tony Landowski; Renea Ranguette; Dr. Karen Schmitt; Jennifer Thompson; Dr. Jon Tysse; Julie Barreau; Mark Borowicz; Moira Lafayette; Katie Lange; Lynn Neitzel; Greg Phillips; and Dr. Helen Proeber.

**Foundation Board Members:** Mark Cullen, Elizabeth Menz, Rob Hendrickson, and Dave Holterman  
Lisa Hurda introduced Marcy Heim.

**DISTRICT BOARD TRAINING**

Marcy Heim provided district Board Professional Development training, a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP), Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), and Certified Professional Life Coach (PLCC). The Artful Asker Cycle of Successful Relationships was reviewed, and the following exercises were completed:

- Creating Your Own Plan to Become an Effective Development Ambassador
- How I can Support the Artful Asker Cycle of Successful Relationships / Beginning the Conversation and Creating a Joyful Giver
- Supporting the Artful Ask
- Speaking the Artful Ask
- Expressing Gratitude

**LUNCH**

The District Board recessed for lunch at noon in the Terrace Room at the Janesville Country Club, and no business was discussed.

**THE YEAR AHEAD**

After lunch, Dr. Tracy Pierner provided a presentation on the College Path Forward. He reviewed the Strategic Plan; Organization Highlights; the Year of Facilities; a SWOT Analysis; and Presidential Goals.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Due to time constraints, the District Board did not adjourn into a closed session to conduct the District Board Self-Evaluation process. This self-evaluation will be rescheduled for a future date.

As there was no additional business, the Annual Retreat adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

**Motion carried.**

Richard Deprez



Secretary