

**Present:** Brigid Avery , Damon Bouwkamp, Paul Greenwald, Andy Holtgrieve, , Choka Johnson, Connie Kowalsyk, Sr. Rose Marie Martin, Amy Peters (Westphal), Ragan Savara, Jim Thrall, Eric Zeemering

Meeting began at 9:05 a.m.

**Reflection:** Jim Thrall offered the reflection.

Correction to Oct. Minutes: Ragan was misspelled and corrected. Minutes were approved with said correction.

Andy led an exercise for all Board members to identify why they joined the Board and brainstormed ideas of activities for the Board to get involved in.

**Communications Committee:** Eric Zeemering stated they are in a holding mode waiting mode for the approval of Saints Network. Suggested an electronic survey to ID types of communication that alumni want.

**Campus Life:** After meeting with Dave Weinandy and John Kalinowski (Senate Chair), Ragan reported that the committee is looking for volunteer opportunities for alums. There will be a ring ceremony with an induction for sophomores. The Senior Party is a great avenue for Alumni involvement and a showcase of the Alumni Association. Dates are forthcoming for all opportunities.

Brigid discussed identifying class officers to create a leadership groups for reunions and events after students graduate. These students could also be invited to Board meetings. We are looking to continue to foster the relationship between Senate and the Alumni Board.

Spirit Rock is being purchased for campus. Location is TBD.

**Awards and Nominations:** Paul Osbourne and Karrie Coppens were awarded the inaugural Michigan Teachers grants of \$500 given by the Alumni Board. Alumni awards have been selected for 2009. Fr. Mark Przybysz was selected for the Distinguished Service Award and the Outstanding Alumnus Award was given to Deputy Chief James Farris of the Grand Rapids Police Department. Paul Rossi and Michelle Bottrall's resignations created open spots on the Board. Any nominations should be sent to Brigid. Discussion ensued about notification of removal from Board posts.

**Development:** Paul Greenwald gave an update on the fund balances. Discussion was held on dedicated funds (Senior Challenges, etc.) and how they were to be released for projects other than intended. A net profit of \$5600 was reported for Homecoming.

Discussion moved to Saints Network Funding. Part of membership has concerns about footing the whole bill for Saints Network without the perceived necessary revenue streams to make this project sustainable. Motion for approval of funds to support Saints Network, along with approval of Letter of Commitment to be signed and sent to Advancement. Motion was approved.

**Saints Network Demonstration:** Brigid moved to a demonstration of Saints Network and how to login. Board was given instructions on login information and encouraged to login in the coming weeks before the broad release of Saints Network.

**Alumni Events:** A review of events that have occurred since Oct. Meeting –

- Red Wings game: 40 attendees
- Chicago: 20 people total for two events. Attendance was altered by snowstorm in Chicago.

Upcoming Events:

- Memorial Mass – Jan. 21 4:30 p.m. in the Bukowski Chapel
- AQ Night at the Grand Rapids Griffins – Jan. 24
- Alumni Family Spirit Night – Jan. 28 basketball games vs. Cornerstone @ AQ Fieldhouse
- Cleveland Cavaliers Game – Feb. 3
- AQ Alumni and Friends Diversity Celebration – April 18
- TBD – Alumni Retreat

Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.