

Minutes
Alumni Association Board Meeting
Holmdene Conservatory
March 21, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Present: Brigid Avery, Damon Bouwkamp, Andy Holtgreive, Choka Johnson, Sister Rose Marie Martin, Greg Pfent, Ragan Savara, Dursa Smotrilla, Jim Thrall

Choka Johnson gave **the reflection**.

Approval of the minutes was postponed due to a lack of a quorum.

Peter M. Wege Pro Am

25% of the proceeds will go to the Alumni Association to be used for the Aquinas fund, the Sister Ann Keating Scholarship and the teacher grant program.

Tee Off Party

- The association needs to find revenue streams to support the Saints Network project.
- Patty Butcher of Blythefield Country Club suggested the idea for a Tee-Off Party
- Sunday night before the outing, 6:30- 9:00
- Invite people who donated to the outing
- Cost: Beer and wine \$3300.00 for 100 people and \$1700.00 for food, aim for cost of less than \$40.00 per person, need food sponsor or cash bar to reduce cost per person
- Get golf pros to underwrite cost and get them to show up at the party
- Entertainment included in the party
- Sell raffle tickets that night
- Invite May graduates to their first alumni event
- Some prize offerings, tuition voucher from Pres Balog, Hotel Crowne prize
- Michelle Frazho will be asked to head a sub committee to work on prizes, call companies etc. Choka Johnson volunteered to call and get prizes from the Detroit area, other businesses from this area can be added

Saints Network

- Information about the network given out in the following ways: Valentines Day card alums married to alums, party with employees who are alums, Reunion groups
- Next groups, Fall AQ magazine and those alums with addresses available
- 340 people registered on the network to date
- New online giving page available
- Sub committee to be formed for marketing the network, creative uses; networking etc., career site during these challenging times—task of committee: to create a plan.

Identity theft

- See handout
- Ragan offered the following based on her professional experience with Pre Paid Legal, questioned quality of their service, suggested there might be other options or ways to control identity theft, lack of information about services
- Ragan offered to review the proposal and services in greater depth
- Dursa will review bank identity theft policies and what they offer

Committee reports

Development

- Committee chair meets with executive board. \$10,000 of association funds moved to Saints Network fund
- Campus life* volunteers needed for senior party May 8, starting 6:30 p.m., two per hour. Contact Ragan if interested in volunteering. She will send an email reminder to all board members.
- Class Awards Committee, two volunteers needed to review candidates. Binder with candidate profiles sent for review. Jim Thrall and Sister Rose Marie volunteered.
- Banner for the senior party from the association needed, will cost \$150.00
- Other ideas from the committee: Voucher or life scholarship – Pro am give away for senior party

Open Discussion

- Guy Bazzani and Baird Hawkins are planning to develop the site of the former Fifth Third Bank site in Eastown, dependent on funding sources. The upper two floors would house Aquinas students. The first floor would have retail space.

- Ireland Reunion Party being held this evening in Donnelly Center. Proceeds go to the Gertrude Horgan Scholarship. Contact Damon for details.

- Survey on changing board meeting time, ways to engage members – more email contact. Next meeting of executive board Thursday June 4, 6- 8 p.m.

Upcoming events

- Project pride April 25 12 volunteers needed. Meet at Carriage House and go to Heartside for cleanup project, can register online, t shirts available. Lunch at God's Kitchen.

- Earth Day is April 20. Two tickets to Rothbury Festival are available for raffle from the Alumni Association. Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets which are \$5.00 each.

- Overnight Retreat, June 6 and 7. Guests stay in the apartments. Participants can commute. Cost \$95.00, \$75.00, and \$65.00 depending on level. Massage therapy available from Dominican Center staff. Preached retreat. Mass at St. Thomas

- Possible summer barbeque

- Alumni breakfast March 25

Next Meeting June 4.

Submitted by,

Sister Rose Marie Martin