



Alumni Association Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2008 – 6:00 pm

In Attendance:

Evan Johnston '58

Bob Fiorentino '00

Jim Vitalo '67

Ron Chambers '58

Marc Chavarria '93

Prentiss Jackson '67

John A. Kutuba '63

Joe Hughes '84

Lawrence Blakley '83

Mike Chmiel '83

Tony Khazen '87

Bob Anderson '86

Eric Thomas '92

Greg Gilmore '82

Br. James Wegesin '54

Lisa Andersson

Iris Gist Cochran

I. Call to order/Dinner

The Meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm.

II. Opening prayer

Br. James opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. Secretary

A new Secretary is needed. The current secretary, Mike Boehm, did not attend the meeting.

IV. Alumni of the Month

Mark Chavarria volunteered to be the chair of the Alumni of the Month committee. Two alumni will be nominated at each meeting. Ed Bodinet and Alex Gryzb were nominated and approved.

V. Banquet

a. The 113th Alumni Banquet will be at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place on November 21, 2008.

b. Representatives from each 5th and 10th year class are needed to get the word out.

c. Letters and phone calls should be mailed as soon as possible.

d. Ten sleeping rooms are blocked out at a starting price of \$149. One suite is complimentary.

e. A \$14 parking fee was negotiated.

f. The capacity in the ballroom is 1,000 people.

- g. We need to have all the details such as price of the tickets and honorary chair by July 1, 2008 to proceed with the invitations. The goal is to keep the price of the tickets the same.
- h. The Save-the-Date postcard should be mailed out in the beginning of the summer and the Invitation two months prior to the event.
- i. The menu can be finalized closer to the date. Greg Gilmore will continue to negotiate the price of the menu.
- j. The next Alumni Banquet committee meeting will be May 27th at 6:30 pm.
- k. A proposal to shorten the program in order to enjoy more banquet time was voted upon and agreed.
- l. Prentiss Jackson would like to see the event hold a raffle to bring in more money. Opposing arguments felt that the event should not ask guests to contribute more money once they pay their ticket. It should only be a night for a banquet.

VI. By-Laws

Mike Chmiel proposed the idea that the Association becomes autonomous and a separate department of DLS. A budget will be agreed upon and must be used according to By-Laws. He would like the Association to host events to bring in more members.

VII. Split the Pot

\$160 was collected and Mark Chavarria won ½ the pot.

VIII. New Business

- a. Lisa Andersson is the new Special Events Manager and will serve as the Alumni Relations liaison until July 1st. A new staff member will become a full time Alumni Relations Manager to provide Alumni with more attention and focus on strengthening the Association.
- b. New suggestions of how to distribute the Alumni Association pins was discussed. Lawrence Blakley proposed that pins be presented by a representative after the graduate leaves the altar with his/her diploma. The idea was voted on and agreed upon.
- c. Fundraising Ideas Include: Casino night, Day at the Races, Calendar
- d. Alumni Association dues of \$10 annually were discussed.
- e. Meetings were voted upon and agreed to the 3rd Thursday of the month. The schedule is set for:
 - Thursday, June 19 – 6 pm
 - Thursday, August 21 – 6 pm
 - Thursday, October 9 – 6:30 pm
 - Thursday, December 18 – 6 pm

IX. Closing Prayer

Br. James closed with prayer

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.