



MINUTES OF SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10/23/13 AT 7:00 PM VIA CONFERENCE CALL

In Attendance:

Cheryl Janus
Robert Scarpetti
Emily Gillette
Joe Bacoulis
Claudette Thompson

Absent

Steven Dzik
Tom McCabe
Taylor Richard, President S.T.A.T.

Called to Order/Welcome

The meeting was called to order at ~7:10 pm. Cheryl welcomed and thanked everyone for work done for Homecoming. She said that everything was incredible: Awards Ceremony, Kevin Nealon concert, football game tent event and the reunion mass was beautiful.

Committee Updates – Vice Presidents

Membership & Recognition – Joseph Bacoulis

- Joe proposed that moving forward, the alumni awards committee be invited for picture taking prior to the ceremony with the honorees
- Joe will send to Executive Committee, a proposal of tweaks to the nominee process: such as breaking it down in quarters, reviewing nominees the second Thursday of final month and sending the nominations prior to the last Thursday to give time to review. Nominees not selected would be kept in cue and reviewed at the same time of their review, the following year.
- Current selections are diverse as possible by schools, decades, concentrations, etc. As terms run out, posts will be quickly filled.
- Rob asked if we can reach out to the nursing dept. He suggested that we do a memo to department heads and solicit nominations – especially those schools without any nominations.
- Based on the new proposal, since 12/26/13 will be a holiday, we will move it up 12/19 so new nominations should be sent in by 12/12.
- Cheryl motioned to have an email vote of Rob's proposal, seconded by Rob.
- The Recognition Committee took a breather after their recent hard work.

Individual Development – Robert Scarpetti

Community Service Initiatives

- Rob had asked his group to get back to him on initiatives they would like to be involved in and Barb proposed a turkey drive with Claudette's assistance.
- Rob was also awaiting proposal for a big project in the Spring. At the moment it seems to be working with Habitat for Humanity and is looking into other organizations to make more of a well-rounded service day.
- Cheryl encouraged Rob to channel a select few and get a date nailed down especially for the Day of Service. Since holidays are coming up and the time will be short, she needed a date before the holidays.

Administration – Steve Dzik

Insurance Programs

- Since Steve was unable to attend the meeting, Emily updated the group. She stated that a contract was signed 2 weeks prior to this meeting with Meyers & Associates, a new insurance company that was selected by Steve's committee, after the bid and presentation process. Tailored marketing website to efficiently launch the site on October 27, 2013.
- An email will be going out on Oct 29th to inform everyone.
- Liberty Mutual will still be kept for car and home/renters insurance.
- Emily will send detailed information to the Board.

Good of the Order

- Cheryl stated that we sent STAT a gift card for their Halloween event (Safe Halloween). She proposed that for next Homecoming everyone should be asked to bring candy for the event and maybe this could be an ongoing tradition. For this year candy can be dropped off in Emily's office or brought to the event.
- Emily stated that work continues on the front of the theater and on the College of Business.
- Notable events for the 50th anniversary celebrations:
 - 10/24 – free webinar on working with recruiters
 - 10/28 – lecture by SVP, Human Resources, Boehringer Ingelheim, put on by College of Business on topic of Leadership in Business.
 - The play "Boeing Boeing" will be held this weekend.
 - Sigma Tau Omega fraternity will be holding its 45th anniversary at the University Commons.
 - Paul Timpanelli, class of '69, former Selectman of Trumbull, has been appointed Barnum Festival Ring Master for 2014.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn by Cheryl, seconded by Joe.
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.