

**Our Lady of Holy Cross College  
Alumni/Alumnae Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

- I. Call to Order: Shannon Taranto called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. in the Moreau Center at the College.
  
- II. Opening Prayer: Since Sr. Marjorie Hebert was absent, Matt Toups opened the meeting with the Hail Mary prayer.
  
- III. Roll Call/Certification of Quorum: Those in attendance were Matt Toups, Jeanne Noggerath, Susan Lackey, Katelynn Colburn, Samantha Hymel, Rainell Hernandez, Randy Bourg, Jo Ann Rosselli, Michelle Tran, Shannon Taranto, Chris Rholdon, Mary Zeringue, Allison Bordelon, Jason Campagna, and Erin Caruso. Excused members were Keith Taranto, Beau Read, Rickey Landry, Stephen Nielson, John Danna, and Allison Carrone. Certification of Quorum was confirmed.
  
- IV. Approval of Minutes from February Meeting: A motion was made to accept the minutes by Matt Toups and was seconded by Erin Caruso and Mary Zeringue. The motion then passed unanimously.
  
- V. Financial Report: The Alumni Board expenses for February equaled \$2,260.75 bringing the fiscal year-to-date total expenditures to \$9,204.94. Matt inquired about the item in the Financial Report listed as the One Shell Square luncheon with Julie Nice, Sr. Marjorie Hebert, Shannon and Chris. Chris explained that it was a two hour meeting to discuss several pertinent issues and concerns brought up by the Alumni Board Members at the February 2, 2010 board meeting. Shannon said that she provided a Graduate Brunch Proposal to both Sr. Marjorie and Julie as was discussed as one of the issues at the February Board Meeting.

Also, Chris explained that the concern regarding the use of the Upstairs Board Room was being addressed by Sr. Marjorie and that our April Alumni Board Meeting would probably take place in another more private Room #40 located upstairs at the College. Chris also explained that there is still discussion about the Crawfish Boil for this year. He will have an answer for the Alumni Board by the end of the month. If we host a Crawfish Boil, he reported that OLHCC students will be free of charge; however, all other guests will be charged at least \$5 per person. Alumni/alumnae members will also be charged a fee of at least \$5 per person for a plate of crawfish, a hamburger and a drink. Chris also reported that the Alumni Association will supply the tents and AK Lene and the OLHCC Student Government Association will supply all the other items for the event.

VI. New Business:

- A. Alumni Board Nominations: Shannon reported that although Randy was nominated to run for the Alumni Board Treasurer position for 2010-2011 fiscal year, our Alumni Bylaws state that a candidate for the Executive Board must be a member of the general Alumni Board for at least one year. Matt made a motion to suspend our Bylaws so that Randy could be nominated for the Treasurer position. Second motion made Jeanne. Erin requested to become an Emeritus Board Member in order to leave room for anyone else who may be interested in running for a general Board Member position. Shannon then read the names of those people who were already nominated for Executive Board and general Alumni Board Member positions. Chris explained that the nomination process would be anonymous and instructed everyone to write their nominations on a sheet of paper and submit them to him. He also said that either he or Shannon would send an e-mail out with the nominations before the April meeting.
- B. Alumni Board Meetings-Fiscal 2011: Shannon stated that at the last Executive Board Meeting, the following meeting dates were proposed for the next fiscal year: July Workshop, August meeting, December meeting,

January meeting and April meeting. This proposal changes our normal Alumni Board meeting schedule from the first Tuesday of every month to one meeting per quarter. This will leave the room for ad hoc meetings if necessary and the Executive Board will continue meeting on a monthly basis. All meetings will remain on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Thirteen positions will remain the number of voting members on the Alumni Board.

- C. Spring Phone-a-thon: Shannon stated that this event will be held in the Moreau Center on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and that it would be part Thank-a-Thon and part asking for money from those who had not given a donation in 2009. Jason brought up concerns he had regarding expenditures for this Phone-a-Thon and the fact that the Alumni Association would be sponsoring two of them during the fiscal year now. Jason then made a proposal to open a PayPal account at the College, allowing for the ease and accessibility of electronic payments. He pointed out that it is free for not-for-profit organizations such as OLHCC and that he had proposed this several years ago as a way to help the College raise money but it was never addressed or implemented.
- D. Leadership Dinner: Shannon reported that the Leadership Dinner would be held on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Moreau Center. It will be a sit down dinner and the Executive Board will be in charge of selecting the menu for this event. Jason suggested two other possible venues to hold this dinner: the New Orleans Ladies Ball Room and the Court of Two Sisters. The Alumni Board agreed to revisit the possibility for use of those locations for our Leadership Dinners at a later time.
- E. Spring Social Event: The Crawfish Boil/Spring Gathering will be held on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-4 p.m. Mass will follow at 4:30 p.m. The Alumni Association will be selling our new short and long sleeve T-shirts.

- F. Easter Egg Baskets: Samantha, Michelle, Katelynn and Katharine Gonzales filled and decorated the Easter Baskets for Catholic Charities while the Alumni Board Meeting was in session. The Alumni Board Members helped them finish up after our meeting was adjourned.

## VII Brainstorming Session/Comments

- A. Movie Night: Shannon said that a Movie Night would be held Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in the Moreau Center and the movie being shown was Couple's Retreat. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the movie will begin at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Talent Show: Shannon informed everyone that there would be an OLHCC Talent Show taking place on March 20<sup>th</sup> in Moreau Center from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. She also said that admission would be \$2.50 and everyone was invited to attend.
- C. Jo Ann proposed that the May meeting be held at a restaurant, specifically either Riverbend or Rocky's in Chalmette. The Alumni Board agreed to decide on and finalize the May meeting location at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- D. Shannon reported that Camp Restore will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup> in New Orleans East. Delta Sigma Pi will participate in this community service activity rather than the Habitat for Humanity like they have done in prior years. If anyone is interested, contact Chris Rholdon to receive a copy of the consent form.

- VIII. Confirmation of next meeting date- Shannon confirmed that our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 either in the Moreau Center or another room at the College to be announced.

IX. Shannon adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.; however, she asked everyone to please stay and help out the student volunteers from SGA to finish assembling the Easter Baskets.