

**Our Lady of Holy Cross College
Alumni/Alumnae Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 2, 2010**

- I. Call to Order-Shannon Taranto called the February 2, 2010 Alumni Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Moreau Center.
- II. Opening Prayer- Sr. Marjorie Hebert, MSC opened the meeting with a prayer.
- III. Roll Call/Certification of Quorum- The following alumni board members were present at this monthly meeting: Mary Zeringue, Shannon Taranto, Chris Rholdon, Keith Taranto, Becky Kientz, Sr. Marjorie Hebert, Julie Nice, Matt Toups, Rainell Hernandez, Jeanne Noggerath, Susan Lackey, Ricky Landry, Randy Bourg, Erin Caruso, Beau Read, Allison Carrone, and JoAnn Rosselli. The following alumni board members were excused Johnny Danna and Alison Bordelon. Jason Campagna was a non-alumni board member in attendance. Certification of Quorum was confirmed. Shannon welcomed Randy Bourg to the Alumni Board since this was his first meeting as a board member. Shannon and Chris spoke about placing the Alumni Board meeting minutes on the OLHCC website. The Alumni Board voted in favor of posting Alumni Board Meeting minutes on the website and Chris stated that he would take care of it.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from January Meeting- Keith placed a motion to approve the minutes; Erin seconded it. Motion passed.
- V. Financial Report- Alumni Board Treasurer Susan Lackey reported that \$6,944.19 was spent so far this year.

VI. New Business

- A. Evening of Reflection- Sr. Judy Gomila will speak at the Evening of Reflection on March 5th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Moreau Center. Topic is “Way of the Cross: Servant Leadership.” The event is free and open to the public.
- B. Cultural Appreciation Day will be held on Wednesday, March 17th from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Moreau Center.
- C. Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 14th from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Moreau Center. If your company would like to sponsor a table, please contact Anne-Katherine Lene at aklene@olhcc.edu
- D. Leadership Dinner will be held on April 27th at 6:00 p.m. Location is TBA. Randy posed the question regarding hosting it at the OLHCC house. Chris responded that the house is too small for a sit-down dinner with approximately 30 - 40 people in attendance, and that we are looking into another location to host the event. Discussion about alternative sites for the Leadership Dinner as well as other spaces to meet for the Alumni Board meetings was proposed. The importance of having a pleasant site for the Leadership Dinner was emphasized in the discussion. The Alumni Board requested that the College find a space for Alumni Board meetings that would be more private since some confidential items are discussed. Sr. Marjorie and Julie said that they are looking into other options.
- E. Easter Egg Basket will be done at our March meeting. Since Easter is April 4th and our next meeting is March 2nd, a motion by Keith was made

to move the March meeting to March 9th. Matt seconded it. Motion passed to move the meeting to March 9th. Chris asked everyone to bring donations for the baskets to the next meeting and to e-mail him with what they are donating. SGA will participate for this activity.

- F. Other activities: Walk for the Hungry--February 27th; Movie Night--March 12th; Habitat for Humanity--TBA

VII. Brainstorming Session/Comments

- Alumni Volunteer Opportunities-Shannon and Chris covered 5 ways that alumni could get involved. The were: providing internship opportunities for our students, recruiting, participating in the Annual Giving Drive, being a class agent, and providing event assistance. This information is posted on the OLHCC website. Spring Phone-a-thon will take place in March. It will last 2 days and each day will include a Thank-a-thon. Special groups will be targeted. Presently, we have 10 class agents and we are looking to have 20 by the end of the year.
- Strategic Plan Outline-The Alumni Board reviewed the strategic plan draft. At the March meeting, there will be discussion about creating a certain number of events that Alumni Board members would have to attend. Discussion ensued regarding Graduate Brunch. Many questioned why it was replaced with a reception at the College. Shannon expressed that she was open for suggestions about making a proposal to revive the event and said to please e-mail her with individual opinions and proposals as soon as they were able.

- Alumni T-shirts- Print All will be printing the screens for the shirts. Short Sleeved shirts are \$12 and long sleeved shirts are \$15. Chris discussed that we will be selling the shirts at the Spring Gathering, Graduation, and Zephyrs Night.
- Spring Celebration-tentatively scheduled for May 1st from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. A decision will be made in March to determine if the event will be a Crawfish Boil or a BBQ like the one this past year.
- Continuing Education Units (CEU) for alumni-there was interest expressed by the Alumni Board on offering Continuing Education programs in all departments of the College.
- Chris mentioned about placing the minutes and volunteer information on the website. Chris also asked for nominations for Alumni Board candidates for Alumni Board. Recommendations were made regarding placing by-laws on the website. Rainell made a motion Ricky seconded it. Motioned passed. By-laws will be posted in July 2010. Shannon asked that for all proposals/ideas regarding the Graduate Brunch or other alumni activities to be sent to her no later than February 12th.

VIII. Confirmation of next meeting date-Our next monthly meeting will be held on March 9th in the left wing of the Moreau Center for 6:00 p.m.

IX Adjournment-Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.