

**Our Lady of Holy Cross College
Alumni/Alumnae Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 6, 2010**

- I. Call to Order: Shannon Taranto called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. in the Academic Affairs Conference Room upstairs at the College.
- II. Opening Prayer: Johnny Danna opened the meeting with a prayer.
- III. Roll Call/Certification of Quorum: Those in attendance were Randy Bourg, Jason Campagna, Allison Carrone, Erin Caruso, Johnny Danna, Rainell Hernandez, Samantha Hymel, Rickey Landry, Stephen Nielson, Jeanne Noggerath, Susan Lackey, Beau Read, Chris Rholdon, Jo Ann Rosselli, Shannon Taranto, Matt Toups, and Mary Zeringue. Certification of Quorum was confirmed.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from March Meeting: Shannon noted that there was an error on the minutes regarding the date for Camp Restore. That community service is April 10, 2010 rather than May 10th as stated in the minutes. After this correction was accepted, a motion was made to accept the minutes by Matt Toups and was seconded by Erin Caruso. The motion then passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Report: Susan reported that the Alumni Board expenses for February equaled \$198.58 bringing the fiscal year-to-date total expenditures to \$9,403.52. Chris explained that the expense for Lebanon Café was a meeting between him, Julie, and Sr. Bernadine Hill about the database. Shannon discussed the Alumni Spring Phone-a-thon and expressed her disappointment by the lack of participation by the Alumni Board in this Alumni sponsored event. Chris talked about the new set up for the Phone-a-thon in the Moreau Center and how it worked well for the student volunteers. He reported that there were 29 unspecified pledges resulting from this attempt.

VI. New Business:

- A. Alumni By-Laws: Shannon said that she was informed after the last Alumni Board meeting that a suspension of our Constitution and By-Laws cannot be made; therefore, the nomination made for Randy to run for the Alumni Board Treasurer position for 2010-2011 fiscal year was not applicable. Johnny suggested the option of the President appointing the Treasurer; therefore, a decision was made to have Susan appoint Randy as Treasurer at the July Alumni Planning Workshop. Rainell suggested that we purchase several copies of Robert's Rule of Order if we have questions about procedures in the future. Since any suggested change made to the By-Laws requires at least thirty days of review before voting on it, we will vote on any changes to our By-Laws regarding these issues at our May Meeting.
- B. Alumni Board Member-Job Description: Chris reviewed the description of an OLVCC Alumni Board Member that he had put together. The document outlines the attendance and stewardship responsibilities of an alumnus or alumna after they have taken that Alumni Board Oath as stated in our By-Laws. Chris added that he would like to display this document on the OLVCC Website. Discussions ensued about adding stipulations to our By-Laws about alumni board member attendance at the July Workshop and at least one day at either the Fall or Spring Alumni Phone-a-thons.
- C. Alumni Board Elections: Chris announced that the 2010-2011 Executive Board is as follows: Past President – Shannon Taranto; President – Susan Lackey; Vice-President – Matt Toups; Secretary – Rainell Hernandez; Emeritus – Erin Caruso; and Faculty Representative – Claudia Champagne. He also stated that he would e-mail the results of the general alumni board member elections out later.

- D. Camp Restore: Shannon reported that this community service event, sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi, takes the place of Habitat for Humanity. She said that this event will take place Saturday, April 10, 2010 and there was a consent form included in everyone's Alumni Board package.
- E. Leadership Dinner: Shannon reported that the Leadership Dinner would be held on Tuesday, April 27th at 6 p.m. in the Moreau Center. It will be a sit down dinner and the menu will be as follows: Appetizer – Quiches; Entrée – Chicken Marsala; and Dessert – Bread Pudding.
- F. Crawfish Boil: The Crawfish Boil will be held on Saturday, May 1st from 1-4 p.m. on the college campus. Mass will follow at 4:30 p.m. The Alumni Association will be selling our new short and long sleeve T-shirts. Alumni and Guests will pay \$5 that includes a plate of crawfish, a hamburger and a drink. People will also be able to purchase any extra drinks and beer separately.
- G. Graduation: Shannon reported that Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 16th from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. at the Alario Center in Westwego. She discussed the speech and oath she will give at graduation and the OLVCC alumni pins on order that we are planning to give to the graduates.
- H. Zephyr's Night: This event will be held at the Pool Area at Zephyr's Field on Friday night, May 28th starting at 6 p.m.

VII Brainstorming Session/Comments

- A. The progress of the Graduate Brunch proposal previously submitted by Shannon to the college administration was discussed. Concerns were expressed about recruiting new alumni volunteers and board members in the future, if events such as the Graduate Brunch are not reinstated.

VIII. Confirmation of next meeting date- Shannon confirmed that our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 in a room at the College to be announced.

IX. Shannon adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.