

Minutes of the March 4, 2010 Board Meeting

The March meeting of the Sacramento Valley Alumni Association of The Ohio State University was called to order by the President, Disa Banker, at 6:45 at the Panera Bread café in Natomas. Present were: Disa Banker, Gary Penwell, Jenn Still, Ralph Cornwell, and Sharonlee Johnson. Absent from the meeting were: Greta Vohlers, Stephanie Gaiser, and Ramona Moenter.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved as written. Gary made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Ralph seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's report:

Checking Account - \$ 4,549.44

Savings Account - \$ 9,437.05

Scholarship awards - \$ 2200.

Old Business:

The Torrey Crable Band concert had to be relocated. More information will be forthcoming when a new location is found. Watch your emails for updates on this event.

Pancreatic Cancer Walk through the Vineyard will be on Saturday June 12. Our team has been signed up for the walk so members of the club can show up and participate in this fun event. It is an easy walk through the vineyard with refreshments provided at the site. This activity counts as a philanthropic project for the club.

Archie Reception: The Holiday Inn needs to be notified about the number of people signed up thus far. We have 49 reservations at this time. Final numbers need to be turned in on Tuesday, March 9.

Gift Baskets: Gift baskets are being prepared for the Reception with the University President and Archie Griffin. Items included at this time are Jelly Belly Jars, Blue Diamond Almonds, A letter from Mayor Johnson, possibly something from the Governor's office. It was decided that a framed picture from the surrounding area would be too expensive to include.

Name Badges: Name badges will be offered to the membership for sale like the ones the Board Members wear at official functions. These badges will cost \$5.00 each and will include shipping.

Scholarships: Ralph Cornwell reported that 14 students turned in applications for the Scholarship the Board awards to area students who will attend The Ohio State University next year. The deadline for applications was March 1, 2010. A Scholarship in the amount of \$ 1000. was awarded to the top applicant. Two Scholarships were awarded to the two runners up with a value of \$ 600. each.

New Business:

A children's price was set for the Archie/President Gee Reception at \$30.00 each. This amount will cover the cost of the food at the event. There had been several requests for a children's price, so the Board decided to accommodate the request.

Auction items: the amount of money spent on auction items will be \$ 50.00. Ralph Cornwell has made up a very nice collage of scenes from around the university. This will be signed by President Gee and Archie Griffin and auctioned off at our Holiday Auction in December. Several other items will be purchased - a helmet, a football, etc. These items will also be signed for auction.

Financial Questionnaire: this report has been sent in by the Treasurer, Jenn Still. The report to the IRS is due in April.

The Board decided to begin discussion about location for the game watch parties during football season. MVP is a central location, but questions were raised about the service there and the lack of any kind of kick back to the club from the proceeds on each event. Some places around town would like our business and are willing to give the club a percentage of their proceeds. Advantages to the MVP location are it's central location downtown, the parking garage next door, and the fact that the owner of the MVP allows us to decorate the room. He is helpful at keeping other people out of our space during game time. More discussion is needed on this issue. The Board needs to check with Howard concerning the location of the decorations.

Membership numbers are sent in to the Alumni Office at OSU at the end of each event. They are sent a count at each one of our game watches and other events we sponsor.

Basketball Torunaments: the Women's Big Ten Tournament has begun. The Men's Tournament will begin next week-end. It will start on March 11 and continue until March 14. The men will play for the first time next Friday since they are the number 1 seed. The women began play on Friday, March 5 and are playing Illinois. There will be a group watching the games at MVP Bar and Grill in downtown Sacramento.

Outstanding Club and Society Award: the Board went over the checklist from the Alumni Association for the Outstanding Club Award. We were able to check off a lot of the requirements on the list. Jenn Still is coordinating this activity with help from others on the Board.

Web Site: Gary Penwell gave us an update on the web site. In January there were 218 visitors and 260 pages viewed. In February the numbers were 198 visitors with 239 pages viewed. MySpace needs to be updated. Gary is thinking of updating the look of the website and would like suggestions on how it can be improved.

There being no further business Jenn made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned and Gary Penwell second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharonlee Johnson,
Secretary