

Sacramento Valley Alumni Board Minutes for April 13, 2015
Cordova Lodge, Rancho Cordova

Present: President Ramona Moenter, Vice President/Membership Jay Beedy, Secretary Peggy Penwell, Board Member at Large/Treasurer/Webmaster Gary Penwell, Board Member / Student Recruitment and Scholarship Committee Chair Marsha Koopman, Board Member at Large Jon Finkler

Absent: Board Member at Large /Treasurer John Gardias

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by President Ramona Moenter

Secretary's Report: Jon moved to accept the minutes as amended and Marsha seconded. Minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Gary reported a closing checking account balance in March of \$8600.47. Savings account ending balance in March was \$6403.33. Ramona and Gary confirmed the financial data with the Wells Fargo March statements.

Webmaster's Report: Gary reported that he has converted 75% of about 200 pages. His 3 priorities are: 1) make it look like OSU, 2) scale all pages to fit on Apple devices, and 3) change photos to fit Apple devices. He still is working on forms and PDF pages. The website was viewed by 187 people in March.

Scholarship: Marsha sent congratulatory letters to the 3 students. Jason Lutz will not be attending OSU. Marsha received a phone call from Sterling Winter and a nice note from Olivia Righton. Both are very excited about OSU. A discussion was held about giving Olivia an extra \$600 from the money Jason was not going to be using. The Board approved. Marsha will invite the students and their parents to the spring banquet. We will comp the students' meals but ask the parents to pay for theirs.

Membership: Ramona will send (email) an application form to those who didn't renew their dues. They can then renew their dues on the website.

Old Business:

New logo/branding : No news

OSUAA Awards 2014: The Club Officers' Conference will be Sept. 24-25, 2015. Areas we need to strengthen:

- 1) Community Service: Food Bank, Children's Home, school supplies
- 2) Targeted Alumni Event: Big 10 Picnic, Big 10 Bowling
- 3) Multicultural: 3 festivals at Cal Expo. Jay will check on upcoming possibilities.
- 4) Pelatonia: August 7-9, 2015. Marsha will check on how to be a "virtual rider."
- 5) Give to: Gary will check into this program to see how it applies to a club.
- 6) Student Mentoring: This does not seem to be a possibility here.

T-Shirts: Ramona has a spreadsheet for who ordered. She will send an email quoting the price for what was ordered to each individual. Once they pay, they can pick up the shirt at the banquet or the next event. T-shirts will also be available at the banquet for \$20.

Casino: Jay has a new signed agreement for the casino with our wants/desires spelled out. So far the casino has not offered any money to the scholarship fund.

Donations: Donations made to us can qualify as sustaining members. Gary is to make a form for donations to be used as an IRS document for tax purposes and have it available at game watches. Members can also request an email for documentation.

New Business:

Banquet: May 7 at Casa Garden with a reception at 6PM and dinner at 6:30PM.

- 1) OSU printed a postcard that was mailed to OSUAA members. Ramona will ask OSUAA for a list of email addresses of members in our region.
- 2) Each officer will call 6-8 people to invite them to the banquet.
- 3) Nationwide is sending a representative from Columbus who is bringing a friend. Two local Nationwide agents will also be attending.
- 4) Ramona will check to see how long each speaker plans to talk. Jay will have the program printed.
- 5) We will use the small red tablecloths on the diagonal over the white tablecloths. We can begin decorating at 4 PM.
- 6) Meeting with Chad: Chad is getting himself to the Embassy Suites. We will meet him there in the AM.
- 7) Marsha will pick up Jack and bring him to the hotel.
- 8) Ramona will add "business casual" dress to the email.

Events:

- 1) Food Bank: Rod Thomas is coordinating the event. It is Thursday, April 23, from 4-7:15 at 1335 Los Robles Blvd, Del Paso. We are to wear our Buckeye gear.
- 2) Big 10 Picnic: It will be June 14 at 11AM. Ramona will send the flyer to Gary for the website and will have copies available at the banquet. Ramona will invite the OSU students to attend.
- 3) Scarlet and Grapes: Jon checked with the Sugar Mill in Clarksburg. The Barrel Room is \$500 but there is no charge for the picnic tables. The tasting rooms are open from 11-4 and we can bring our own snacks. Some tasting rooms charge and others are free. They also have nice gift shops. We decided on Saturday, July 18 from 11-4. . Jon will email the information to John and also Ramona so she can print flyers for the banquet. Gary will put it on the website. It was suggested to have dinner at Al the Wop's restaurant afterward.
- 4) River Cats: July 10 is for the Presidential Suite at \$69/ticket. Jay is having a flyer printed which will be available at the banquet.
- 5) Music Circus: "Peter Pan," a Sunday matinee, on July 25. Adult tickets are \$50 and children are \$40. Dinner at the Melting Pot will follow. Jay will make a flyer.
- 6) Kick-Off Party and Summer Send-Off: We will have a buffet August 29 from 11-3 at the casino. Ramona will invite the scholarship parents. Jay suggested having a "give-away" next fall when members pay their dues. He suggested a visor with the Lodge logo and a Buckeye on it. The Lodge has agreed to pay half the price of the visors. The visors will be embroidered with 2 or 3 colors. For 26-99 the visors are \$8.50 each. After much discussion it was decided to review this at the next board meeting.
- 7) Meeting with the Casino management: Ramona, Jay, and Gary will attend. The meeting still needs to be scheduled.

8) Scrapbook: Ramona will ask at the banquet is anyone is interested in making a club scrapbook.

9) Business cards: Ramona will bring the cards to the banquet.

Next meeting: 5/14/15 at 7:00 at Cordova Lodge

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Penwell
Secretary