

Mercy College Nursing Alumni Association Board

Minutes – November 17, 2010

Attendance: Karen Gamerdinger, Sandy Hall, JoAnn Humphreys, Rhonda Heim, Bonnie McCoy, Jennifer Miller, Mary Jane Miller, Rachel Reynolds, Jolene Runkel, Margaret Richey, Mary Schemmel, Cathy Smith, Shirley Beaver, ex officio, Brian Tingleff, staff, President Barbara Decker, guest.

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| Reflection | Mary Jane Miller offered a prayer by John Paul II for our reflection. | None |
| Approval of Minutes | Minutes of the September 1, 2010 meeting were approved as distributed | |
| New Members | New members of the board were introduced and sitting members introduced themselves | |
| Inclusive Alumni Association | <p>Brian introduced the topic of including all college graduates into a single Alumni Association. He reported that most colleges with small numbers of graduates in individual majors provide a single alumni association for them all. He reviewed that in 2007 when this was suggested to the nursing membership we received a negative response; but would like to begin the year by preparing everyone for the possibility and practicality of an inclusive Alumni Association. Some suggestions given were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Perhaps a better presentation of the proposal would result in a more positive response from the membership. ➤ Assurance for nursing alumni that the nursing identity would not be lost. ➤ Use the title Mercy College Alumni Associations (plural) and list the degree fields of the individual alumni on things like stationery. ➤ Have a casual fun activity to include the alumni of all programs to help with the connection of the alumni of other programs with those of the nursing program. | |
| Business | <p>Financial Report Brian reviewed the Balance Sheet for the 4th Quarter of calendar year 2010-</p> | |

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| | <p>11, as well as the Budget Report for 2009-10. Discussion was held regarding people needing to cancel attendance for an event because of bad weather this year. It was proposed that there should be a credit toward another event of the member's choice if they are unable to attend due to weather. The proposal was approved unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed Budget for 2010-11 Brian presented the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget was approved unanimously.</p> <p>Endowed General Scholarship payment Brian officially requested year 2 payment of \$5,000 for the Nursing Alumni Association Endowed General Scholarship. Approved unanimously.</p> | <p>Brian will keep track of these situations.</p> <p>Mary Schemmel was authorized to work with Brian to make the payment.</p> |
| Committee Reports | | . |
| <p>1. Special Events Committee</p> <p>Karen Gamerdinger Jennifer Miller Margaret Richey Bonnie McCoy</p> | <p>Annual Alumni Reunion – October 9, 2010 The annual reunion was reviewed. Those who were able to attend enjoyed the function. Discussion was held as to where to hold the function next year.</p> <p>Golden Year's Luncheon – October 27, 2010 11 attended the Golden Year's Luncheon at Tiaras and Teacups. The restaurant, Tiaras and Teacups, is for sale so the likelihood of holding the event their next fall is uncertain (pending a buyer for the restaurant). "The Cottage" in Sherman Hills was suggested for next year's Luncheon.</p> <p>Christmas Luncheon – December 3, 2010 Bonnie reported that the Christmas Luncheon will be held upstairs (3rd</p> | <p>Committee will investigate possible venues.</p> <p>Brian is investigating a September date for next year.</p> |

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| | <p>Floor) at the Historical Building was decided as the site of the Christmas Luncheon. Barratta’s will cater (they operate the restaurant in the building). The cost will be \$16. It will be held from 1130 – 1300.</p> <p>Cookbook Project Brian reported there are only 2 cookbooks left of the 2000 Edition “Cooking in the New Millennium with Mercy College.” This was a fund raising project for the association back in 2000-01. Suggestions made may do this again in the future.</p> <p>Travel opportunity Brian reported that he had been contacted by Collette Travel about a possible trip in 2011 to Australia. More will be discussed about this at a later meeting.</p> | |
| <p>2. Education Committee Mary Schemmel JoAnn Humphreys Sandy Hall Shirley Beaver</p> | <p>CEU Event – October 15, 2010 The Fall CEU event on disaster nursing was attended by 18 nurses this year. The evaluation responses were very positive. Suggestions for future topics include Stress Management and Health Care for seniors.</p> <p>Spring CEU – April 8, 2011 Topic suggestion was for Health Coaching by Janet Roberts Anderson. If she isn’t able to present, alternate topics are Trauma or Neuro topics.</p> | |
| <p>3. Nomination and By-laws Committee Jane DeGooyer Willow Patterson Rachel Reynolds</p> | <p>Bylaws copy was distributed to be reviewed. The board will need to look at how the bylaws need to be changed for any future changes to the association.</p> | |

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| 4. Membership Jolene Runkel Cathy Smith Mary Jane Miller Deb Willyard Kate Bowersox | Membership Current Members – 143 Lifetime Members – 43 (41with known addresses) New Graduate Members - 4 Total Members = 190 | |
| Next Meeting | The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11 @ 3:45 pm. | |

Respectfully Submitted,
 Rhonda S. Heim, Secretary