

Mercy College Nursing Alumni Association Board
Minutes—August 28, 2007

Attendance: Jane DeGooyer, Willow Patterson, Mary Schemmel, Angela Johnson, Judy Eldredge, Rhonda Heim, Cathy Smith, Joan Beard, Joann Humphrey, Brian Tingleff and Sherylea Downes, staff.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP
Previous Minutes	Minutes of the April 28, 2007 meeting were discussed, amended and approved. Alumni Board list was passed around, updated, and phone numbers will be added.	None Sherylea to add phone numbers.
Financial Report	<p>Brian reported that bank accounts are doing well and the Board is fiscally sound. As of June 30, 2007, there is \$11,773 in the primary share account and \$1,644 in the checking account. This is prior to the membership renewal. We have made the fourth payment on the commitment to the College and have a \$5000 payment left due December, 2007.</p> <p>Joann Humphrey made a proposal. The computer lab at the college can seat 24. it is the only computer lab available. The students need accommodations to dampen outside noise. Would the Board be willing to donate money for noise dampening headphones? Joann estimated that the cost would be approximately \$500. Judy moved to spend \$500 and Jane seconded. The motion passed. Will do an email vote if the cost is over \$500.</p>	Brian and Sherylea to follow-up.
Special Events Committee	<p>June Alumni Banquet: Cost was \$3,679 and the Board made \$2,680. We raised \$214 in merchandise. Therefore, there was a loss of \$785. Joann and Willow thought the meal was not as good as previous. Discussion was held regarding a change in location. Brian and Sherylea had been to the Prairie Meadows Ballroom which is very spacious with dinner style seating. Next year is booked but the following year is available. There is also a party room next to the track which might lend itself to a theme. This is available and will seat 150 people but can only be set up with long banquet tables. The price is \$6 less than the Marriott. The attendance in June, 2007 was 87 people. Joann brought up the Sullivan Center which seats 96 and the dinner could be catered. Other ways to decrease costs were discussed.</p>	Judy will take to the Special Events committee to change the location of the 2008 Banquet to the Sullivan Center.

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	<p>Other events: Sherylea reported on the Iowa Cubs event that was held on June 26, 2007. Twenty-two people attended. It was hot but fun.</p> <p>Samalot had 27 attendees. The reception before was fun, the food was great, and the show was great.</p> <p>Other events:</p> <p>Golf Tournament is September 4, 2007. Eighteen teams have signed up so far. There will be a committee meeting Friday, August 31, 2007.</p> <p>Italy Event is March 15 to March 22, 2008. Four have signed up. The goal is forty. This is during Holy Week. It is \$500/person to reserve by January 3, 2008.</p> <p>Putnam County Spelling Bee is at the Civic Center. This is a comedy. We have seating for April 8, 2008.</p> <p>The Vegas Trip is November 8 to November 11, 2007. Brochure is coming. \$439/person which does not include air fare.</p>	
Education Committee	<p>Scholarship applications for spring, 2008 are due November 19, 2007.</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding Fall CEU program. Brochure is done and ready. This will be held October 19, 2007.</p> <p>Discussion was also held regarding Spring, 2008 CEU topic. The WOC nurses at Mercy will present.</p>	Cathy to get objectives.
Nomination and By-laws Committee	Reviewed Friend of Alumni award and Distinguish Alumni award criteria.	
Merger	Nothing to report.	
Membership	There were two responses from the flyer, Sandy Hall and Connie Thompson. We have 157 members.	
Other business	There are 38 cookbooks left. Will donate 4 to the golf tournament.	

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	<p>It is time to produce a new alumni directory. Discussion regarding increasing dues by \$5 to cover cost of directory. Motion by Joan, second by Cathy. Motion carried.</p>	
New Business	<p>Jane suggested that we give more money to the scholarship. Joan motioned to give \$1000 in the fall in addition to spring and Angela second. Motion passed.</p>	
Calendar of Events	<p>Golf Tournament is September 4, 2007 The Vegas Trip is November 8 to November 11, 2007. Italy Event is March 15 to March 22, 2008. Putnam County Spelling Bee is at the Civic Center on April 8, 2008.</p>	

Next Meeting Dates: November 6, 2007 at 3:30 in Sullivan Center Room 130.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Smith, Secretary