

**Mercy College Nursing Alumni Association Board**  
Minutes—January 29, 2008

Attendance: Jane DeGooyer, Willow Patterson, Rhonda Heim, Cathy Smith, Joann Humphrey, Brian Tingleff, staff, and Sherylea Downes, staff.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP
Previous Minutes	Minutes of the Nov. 6, 2007 meeting were approved.	None
Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of January 29, 2008, there is \$7,216.46 in the savings account and \$6,040.48 in the checking account.</li> <li>• Sherylea sent an electronic message to vote on paying the final installment of \$5,000 to Sullivan Center- all approved. Another vote was cast for writing a check for \$905 to pay for the scholarship awarded in Spring '08- all approved of this action.</li> <li>• Leona Sweeney direct mail appeal raised \$10,035 for the endowed scholarship fund, which now contains a principle balance of \$10,435</li> </ul>	None
Restructuring	<p>Brian explained a restructuring has taken place in the Foundation office, following the submission to the College Board in mid February (see attachment). The Director of Development position will transfer from Mercy College to a permanent staff position with the Mercy Foundation to coordinate and enhance all aspects of the College's development efforts. The College will also discontinue plans to contract with an outside consultant to assist Mercy College with an endowment campaign and end efforts to establish a volunteer campaign cabinet exclusively for Mercy College. Alumni association support will continue, but some transitions will be necessary. Melisa Cox from the foundation will begin to coordinate special events for the College and the Nursing Alumni Association including the annual alumni banquet, and other alumni events. More details on budgeting for these events will need to be resolved before the start of the new fiscal year. Melisa will begin to attend association board meetings starting in March 2008.</p>	None
Special Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Alumni Annual Banquet is Saturday, June 7, 2008 at Stoney Creek Inn in Johnston. It's the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Distinguished Alumni award program; all past recipients will be invited. Ed Wilson from Channel 13 TV was asked to emcee but has declined. An invitation was extended to the new</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Mercy Foundation President, Bob Ravenscroft, who accepted. The class of '83 celebrates their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and class of '58 celebrates their 50<sup>th</sup>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The international trip to Italy is March 15-22, 2008; 17 people will be traveling abroad.</li> <li>• The Iowa Cub Game is set for Wednesday, July 30, 6:00 p.m. picnic and a 7:05 p.m. game.</li> <li>• The Phonathon will be Feb. 3-15. Sherylea will be seeking help from students and alumni this year to help make phone calls. Money raised from the phonathon further our general scholarship fund at the College.</li> <li>• The Putnam County Spelling Bee at the Civic Center is April 8, 2008.</li> </ul>	
Education Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student scholarship recipients attended the Alumni Christmas Luncheon as well as new alumni board volunteers.</li> <li>• The April 11<sup>th</sup> CEU is in the works and brochure will be ready in March or sooner. Turn out has been very good for our CEUs. We discussed narrowing our invitation list to include those in Central Iowa. Participants commented that we need to make the CEUs less “Mercy Based”. An idea was to advertise the CEU via Mercy Net as well as advertise in Vital Signs Magazine. Topic ideas for the October 17, 2008 CEU are Children, stress management and depression, Alzheimer’s, MRSA, infectious diseases, and disaster management.</li> </ul>	Mary Schemmel & JoAnn Humphreys will coordinate.
Nomination and By-laws Committee	A reminder to nominate someone for the Distinguished Alumni Award and the “Friend” award. Nomination letters/forms will be sent in January with a due date of Feb. 29.	None
College Updates	NCLEX final year end report is 68.55% passage rate for MCHS. DMACC is 88.68%, Grandview is 73%, and the state of Iowa average is 81%. Talking points for our passage rate will be developed. Enrollment for Spring '08 is 737 students; 392 ASN, 64 BSN, and 102 are in the freshman class.	None
Membership	We have 350 paid memberships for the 2007-08 budget year.	None
Other business	Over 1000 Alumni Directory Surveys have been returned, a very high response rate compared to the 2002 Directory project. The directory will be designed in-house and printed locally. It should be ready for distribution in June. A reminder that the alumni association membership fees will be raised to \$25 for 2008/2009 year, in order for the association to pay the College \$5 of each	None

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	membership in return for each dues paying member to receive a directory as part of their membership fee.	
New Business	No report	
Calendar of Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phonathon is Feb. 3-18, 2008</li><li>• Italy Event is March 15-22, 2008.</li><li>• Putnam County Spelling Bee is at the Civic Center on April 8, 2008.</li><li>• Golden Years Banquet is May 9, 2008 at 11:45 a.m.</li><li>• Alumni Annual Banquet is June 7, 2008.</li></ul>	

Next Meeting Dates: March 11, 2008 at 3:30 in Sullivan Center Room 130.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherylea Downes  
Director of Development