

Mercy College Nursing Alumni Association Board
Minutes—March 10, 2009

Attendance: Jane DeGooyer, Karen Gamerdinger, Rhonda Heim, Willow Patterson, Mary Schemmel, Rachel Reynolds, Deb Willyard, Cathy Smith, Sherylea Downes, guest, Brian Tingleff, staff & Tari Martin, staff

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP
Reflection	Joanne Humphreys presented the reflection “Our Spiritual Seasons”	None
Previous Minutes	Minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed	None
Old Business	The question of extension of the Alumni Board terms through 10/31/09 was approved by email vote.	None
Financial Report	<p>Bridge Budget from 7/1 – 10/31</p> <p>Brian Tingleff described that circumstances of extending the board terms and changing the fiscal year created a 4 month period from July 1 – October 31 without budgeted funds. An interim budget was shared with the board that will cover these 4 months.</p> <p>Discussion was held about ways to decrease expenses. It was decided that a change in the banquet invitation to a less expensive form was an appropriate way to decrease some of the expenses associated with this major event.</p>	
Education Committee Sandy Hall Joann Humphreys Mary Schemmel Rachel Reynolds	<p>CEU Event – April 17, 2009</p> <p>Update on <i>Pulmonary Disorder of Adults and Pediatrics</i></p> <p>Speakers are Carol Borts, Class of 1980, on Adult disorders and Kari Ford, ASN’98, on Pediatrics.</p> <p>Fall CEU – will be held the day before the banquet</p> <p>Possible topics discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neuro • Cardiac update • Health Care – Global health • “Careful Nursing” – Catherine McCauley and Florence Nightingale collaborated on the concept – is now being revisited. • Health care reform. 	
Nomination and By-laws Committee	<p>Development of Young Alumni Association</p> <p>Discussion about developing an association for Alumni graduated since 1997. Felt this is a matter for both the By-laws and Membership</p>	The members of the Nomination and By-laws Committee and the

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Vicki Campbell Cathy Smith Deb Willyard	committees	Membership Committee will meet to talk about possibilities of forming this new association.
Special Events Committee Joan Beard Judy Eldredge Karen Gamerdinger Rhonda Heim Margaret Richey	<p>Golden Years event May 2009 – tea Proposed that there might be better attendance at the tea if the location was taken away from downtown and held at a more intimate and colorful location. <u>Teacups and Tiaras</u>, a tearoom in West Des Moines is being considered. The committee will have lunch there see if this is feasible. If chosen, there will need to be a date change – it will be moved to May 15th instead of the 8th.</p> <p>Proposed fall golden years tea Will be considering having a 2nd tea this year to coincide with the time of the banquet. 3rd week in September (18th?) would theoretically be the timing of the event.</p> <p>Alumni Banquet Mostly positive comments on the postcard that was sent out to “Save the Date” Willow has signed the contract and the deposit has been given</p> <p>Catherine McCauley Distinguished Alumni award Dates of nomination deadline has been set for May 1st. Nominations carried over from last year are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Carol Clark Cryer • Rosemary Anderson Holland • Janece (Feinberg) Rohwer • Debra Ann Shriver • Sr. Marita Soukup (Friend of Mercy) Jane DeGooyer has withdrawn her name as she feels it is a conflict of interest since she is actively sitting on the Board.	The committee will report back on their decision about the location of the event next meeting.

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Membership Jane DeGooyer Willow Patterson	Nomination received this year so far – Dr. Joan McCleish Membership Current membership is at 353 (annual and lifetime members)	
Other Business or Announcements	Alumni Travel Continue to talk with Shannon Travel re: Fall trip to Ireland The proposed dates are Sept 10 – Sept 22 The cost is estimated at \$2,600 per person Minimum of 6 and maximum of 20 is the group size Updates – Sherylea Downes Sherylea will be contacting Board members to meet with them about financial planning information and Foundation information Board committee membership list The committee list was distributed. (I have included the members in each committee section of the minutes also.) Alumni Association Calendar The calendar of upcoming meetings and events was distributed to the board.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2009 @ 3:45 pm.	

Respectfully Submitted,
 Rhonda S. Heim, Secretary