

Mercy College Nursing Alumni Association Board
Minutes—March 11, 2008

Attendance: Kathy Aller, Jane DeGooyer, Willow Patterson, Mary Schemmel, JoAnn Humphreys, Deb Willyard, Joan Beard, Rhonda Heim, Brian Tingleff, Melisa Cox, and Sherylea Downes.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP
Previous Minutes	Minutes of the January 29, 2008 meeting were approved as written. Melisa Cox, Special Events Director from Mercy Foundation was introduced. She will be helping the Alumni Association with events.	None
Financial Report	Mary reported \$8,231.41 in savings account and \$6,040.48 in checking account. Brian reported the Alumni Association's line items will now be under the Foundation instead of the College. A finance sheet was passed around to everyone showing income and expenses of the Alumni Association events for the year. It showed a loss of \$1,140.50. Much discussion was given on how to decrease costs for next year. One idea was to only invite students to attend the Alumni Christmas luncheon instead of the banquet, all agreed on that idea. Possibly a raffle at the Alumni Banquet might bring in some additional revenue. Theatrical events will be eliminated. Joann Humphreys reported the headphone project is not being pursued anymore as they cost \$35 a piece and our goal was to spend no more than \$30 a piece so ear plugs will be provided for testing instead. Joan Beard suggested creating a budget committee to consist of Joan, Deb, and Mary Schemmel.	Joan Beard to set up budget committee meeting.
New Business- 2008 Phonathon results	Sherylea reported \$7,270 was raised during the Annual Phonathon event in February. Student turnout this year was very good. A direct mail piece will be mailed soon to capture those people we did not reach by phone.	Sherylea to send out letter.
Distinguished Alumni Nominations 2008	We received seven nominations for Dist. Alumni Award and two nominations for Distinguished Friend award. Nominations for Distinguished Alumni were: Jane DeGooyer '82, Ann Valdez '82, Janece Rohwer '60, Rosemary Anderson Holland '56, Kathy Olmstead '81, and Deb Shriver '79. The Friend nominations were:	Sherylea will contact the recipients and the nominators with a phone call and letter.

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	<p>Sister Maurita Soukup, and Helen Roberts. We decided to award 3 awards as the night would last too long to award everyone. A paper ballot vote was taken and the recipients for the Dist. Alumni Award are: Ann Valdez '82, and Kathy Olmstead '81. The recipient for the Friend Award is Helen Roberts. The other nominations, we will hold over for next year.</p>	
<p>Special Events Committee</p>	<p>Golden Years is May 9, 2008 at the College (Optional for board members). Annual Banquet is June 7, 2008 at the Stoney Creek Inn, Johnston. The College Open House is the same day as the banquet this year. It will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A proposed list of annual events was passed out.</p>	<p>none</p>
<p>Education Committee</p>	<p>April 11, 2008 is the CEU workshop at the Sullivan Center. Lots of future programs were suggested. Mary and Joann will discuss the options. The next CEU is planned for October 17, 2008.</p> <p>Updated scholarship applications are on the college website. First round of scholarship applications is due May 9th.</p>	<p>Mary & Joann to coordinate the CEU. Sherylea to reserve SC 130 for October CEU.</p>
<p>Nomination and By-laws Committee</p>	<p>Willow and Jane DeGooyer have been asking current board members about their interest in serving on the board for '08/'09, as well as asking new volunteers. Ann Sears has declined to the board for next year. Cathy Smith will stay on the board but does not wish to be secretary. Jane DeGooyer nominated Rhonda Heim as secretary for '08/'09. More people need to be contacted so Jane and Joan Beard will draft a letter to everyone and then a slate needs to be determined.</p>	<p>Jane to contact everyone to confirm their commitment to the board and then a slate will be prepared.</p>
<p>Membership cont.</p>	<p>Currently we have 375 memberships, 38 lifetimes, 1 non-grad, 415 in total.</p>	<p>none</p>

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Calendar of Events	Putnam County Spelling Bee at the Civic Center Golden Years Alumni Luncheon 109 th Nursing Alumni Association Banquet and Annual Meeting Iowa Cubs Game	April 8, 2008, 7:30 p.m. May 9, 2008, Noon June 7, 2008 5 pm reception 7 pm dinner July 30, 2008, 7 p.m.	None

Next Meeting Dates: May 13, 2008 at 3:30 in Sullivan Center Room 130.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherylea Downes, Director of Development