

**Mercy College Nursing Alumni Association Board**  
Minutes—May 20, 2008

**Attendance:** Kathy Aller, Jane DeGooyer, Willow Patterson, Mary Schemmel, Judy Eldredge, JoAnn Humphreys, Deb Willyard, Joan Beard, Brian Tingleff, staff, Melisa Cox, staff and Sherylea Downes, staff

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP
Previous Minutes	Minutes of the March 11, 2008 meeting were approved as written	None
Financial Report	The Budget committee met to discuss ways to cut expenses for the year. Brian provided an outline of ideas to conserve more money and a budget. Everyone agreed all of the ideas were good. Next the board reviewed a proposal to endow the Nursing Alumni General Scholarship Fund with a \$30,000 pledge. Joan Beard made a motion to approve the budget as written and accept the endowment proposal, Mary Schemmel second the motion. Willow Patterson will need to sign the Gift Agreement as the next step.	Willow to sign the Gift Agreement.
New Business- 2008 Nursing Honor Guard	JoAnn Humphrey's spoke to the Nursing Honor Guard idea in place of Ronnie Hewitt. Ronnie Hewitt's written proposal was shared with everyone. Ronnie wanted to know if she has support from the Nursing Alumni Association and if she could count on individual volunteer support. Board Members were supportive but did not want to manage the program. The board volunteered to advertise it in anyway they could. The Honor Guard program is for Mercy Nurses not just Mercy Alumni Association.	Sherylea to contact Ronnie Hewitt and let her know the board is supportive but would like more details of what is expected of us.
Distinguished Alumni Nominations 2008	All of the nominators will introduce the Award Recipients. Kathy Aller will introduce Helen Roberts as the Distinguished Friend at the Banquet. Jane will ask Pam Bricker to introduce Kathy Olmstead at the Banquet. Joan Beard will introduce Ann Valdez.	Nominators will introduce recipients.  Jane DeGooyer to contact Pam Bricker.

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Special Events Committee	<p>Golden Years was May 9. A small crowd enjoyed the luncheon. Our oldest living alumni, Margaret Hurley (101 years old) was present. A picture of her was taken.</p> <p>Alumni Banquet is June 7. Melisa Cox will work on the slide show of class pictures. A walk-through of the hotel will be done on Thursday before the event by Melisa. Judy Eldredge would like an extra table for her 50<sup>th</sup> Class reunion friends. Melisa will reserve the projector, laptop, and screen. Melisa will send out a volunteer schedule for people to sign up for registration, pinning flowers, selling cookbooks &amp; nursing pins, passing out memory books, and name tags. We'd like two volunteers to be greeters at the Open House at 10:00 a.m. in the Sullivan Center.</p>	<p>none</p> <p>Melisa to send out volunteer schedule.</p> <p>Board members to sign up to volunteer.</p>
Education Committee	<p>Mary Schemmel passed out program evaluations from the April 11<sup>th</sup> CEU workshop. Several suggestions were given for the October 17<sup>th</sup> CEU workshop. Complimentary Health Care was the topic discussed.</p> <p>The Scholarship Committee will meet on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to review scholarship applications.</p>	<p>Mary &amp; Joann to coordinate the CEU.</p> <p>Sherylea to reserve SC 130 for October CEU.</p> <p>Scholarship Committee to meet.</p>
Nomination and By-laws Committee	<p>A slate of officers was presented to the board and it will be presented at the Alumni Banquet. Jane Degooyer will let each new board member know they are on the slate and the new members are encouraged to attend the banquet.</p>	<p>Jane to contact new members to invite to the banquet.</p>

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	President- Willow Patterson, Secretary- Rhonda Heim. New Members- Karen Gamerdinger, Sandy Hall, Rachel Reynolds, Margaret Richey. Jo Ann Humphreys volunteered to be the ex-officio replacing Shirley Beaver.	
Membership cont.	Currently we have 375 memberships, 39 lifetimes, 415 in total.  Sherylea showed the alumni directory booklet cover. The directory will be available in June.	none
Calendar of Events	A calendar of future board meeting dates has been set and was distributed to everyone at the meeting, along with upcoming events listed.  109 <sup>th</sup> Nursing Alumni Association Banquet and Annual Meeting  Iowa Cubs Game	None

Next Meeting Dates: August 12, 2008 at 3:30 in Sullivan Center Room 130.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sherylea Downes, Director of Development