

The MUWAEa Fall Board Meeting

Saturday, October 18, 2008

1:14 PM

President Kym Gore called the meeting to order & introduced Dr. Limbert.

Dr. Limbert spoke about the IHL funding rebalancing as well as good things happening on campus. After her presentation, Dr. Limbert introduced VP for Finance & Administration Nora Miller.

Nora Miller presented a Power Point illustrating the impact of the rebalancing formula. She noted that her presentation had been prepared prior to national/global economic crisis.

The Board and Association members asked many questions for clarification and suggestions for how alums could help rectify the problem. The only answer was to encourage the legislature to fully fund the IHL-governed schools.

Kym Gore returned to agenda. Motion to approve agenda was offered, seconded and approved. BR Hawkins moved to accept the minutes as sent with amendments, Bev Jones seconded, discussion ensued, Kym Gore proposed two amendments, minutes unanimously approved with amendments.

Deborah Hodges read treasury report giving balances on accounts. A discussion regarding pre-1979 clause lifetime clause to clarify that we are taking alums at their word - honor system. Deborah clarifies that 70's records indicate that significant dues funds were collected and held into the 80's.

Motion to accept treasurer's report offered, seconded, and unanimously approved. (Treasurer's Report is provided separately.)

Old Business: Litigation – Kym Gore gave an update regarding the Supreme Court Oral Arguments and possible ramifications with each possible outcome, when a decision is expected, whether a settlement is possible before the decision is rendered. It is mentioned that the board has met to discuss the settlement proposal officially and Julie Hussey, association legal counsel, will continue discussing with Cal Mayo a settlement that would be appropriate for both parties and allow us to move forward.

Kym Gore appoints Sheila Wendt as Chair of the newly created Membership Committee. Betty Lou Jones agrees to sit on this committee.

BR Hawkins moves that election ballots be counted outside the association, seconded and moved.

Discussion ensues regarding continuity of committees, beginning officer transition prior to Homecoming, continuing to build Policies & Procedures, adapting the Elections schedule to better accommodate transition. No direct action taken, but it's determined that all these issues can be handled in developing P&P's year to year.

Recruiting Program – Dr. Limbert & Bucky Wesley charged our discussion team (Neely Woods Hunter, Cheryl Jackson Cooper, Lillian Harris Wade, Anghaarad Teague, Deborah Hodges, Del Oehms Hamilton, & Kym Gore) with helping create an Alumnae Recruiting Pilot program. Kym & Sherrie reiterated for those present the full discussion and what the project would entail.

Betty Lou Jones moved that the board accept this project as an association project and that Sherrie be charged with doing "whatever" to get the pilot program organized. Bev Jones seconded. Discussion.

Betty Lou amends the motion for clarification of "whatever": Moves that we empower Sherrie and her identified committee to work with the recruiting office to develop a pilot program in a specific test market. Betty Ruth Hawkins

seconded. Discussion reopened. Kym Gore asks for clarification about whether we would like to take this challenge. Del Oehms calls the question. Motion carries with one nay vote.

Budget – Kym Gore reviews proposed budget to be funded by the Alumni Office. No hard numbers were available for detailed discussion.

Motion made to table budget discussion until final numbers are available. Seconded, non-discussable point, unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Del indicates that she has no report for Tech Committee, but suggests that we get the Visibility/Hospitality committee for Homecoming formed now to have plenty of lead time.

Mary Margaret Roberts, Alumni Office Director, indicates that she is the vice-chair for the 125th Anniversary celebration and would take the addition of an Alumnae Committee under advisement and pass it along. Kym Gore appoints Bev Jones as Homecoming Committee Chair which will encompass coordination with Alumni Office as well as the visibility/welcoming table.

Gail Laws reports that Patsy McDaniel scholarship is \$18,525.41 and was awarded to a theatre major who is a son of an alum and was chosen by Peppy Biddy.

BR Hawkins updates that the Legislative Committee will meet by conference call Sunday November 9 at 3:30pm and all may join in person or by conference call.

Sherrie Cooper updates that PR committee is struggling this year, but is working on moving forward. The recent newsletter was a great piece and directs people to the resolution for talking points on the name change.

Jenny Katool reminds us that we have cookbooks to sell. \$144/case

Lillian Wade highlights the Kappa Pi art honorary society fundraiser to support their annual service project.

Neely Hunter reports that web updates for any part of the website are best accomplished by content-provided requests.

Neely Hunter also provided the Election Committee's recommendations for implementing the non-Homecoming election procedure as well as a timeline for voter registration deadlines, membership activation requirements for nominees, nomination recommendation and committee deadlines. Suggestions for improving the process, notifying members, and discussion about the new procedure were discussed by all in attendance.

Betty Lou Jones gave an update on the Mississippi Section of the National Museum of Women in the Arts recognition program. Two of the 2008 award winners were W alums.

Del Hamilton gave an update about the passing of Sarah's mother and what we could do to help her or assist her.

Lenore Griffin indicated that October 24th is the opening day for Mississippi's new university website.

Motion to adjourn open meeting was offered, seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned to executive session.

Executive Session

Board entered Executive Session and Quorum was established.

Two motions, both regarding privileged legal matters, were proposed, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Motion to adjourn executive session offered, seconded, and approved. Executive Session ended.

Kym Gore moves to amend the minutes to reflect that the board “met” via call and email to approve pursuit of 501c3 status. (find details)

Del seconded, call for discussion, no discussion, unanimously approved.

Lillian moves to accept as amended, Kym seconded, unanimously approved.

APPROVED