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PRESIDENTS PEN

What an accomplishment! It has been 10 years since our Charter. Kudos' to all who have kept the spirit of Sisterhood alive at WVU. Our alumni chapter has always been small, but we have a strong foundation of 16 paid members that recognize our commitment to continue this tradition of Women Excelling in Agriculture and who want to continue these relationships beyond their collegiate years.

We hope to create stronger bonds between ourselves and the active chapter alike. Our goals this year are to increase membership, participate in philanthropy projects, hold the fall tailgate and attend / or participate with the active's events and formals whenever possible.

This year we have a number of things in store. We look forward to our 2nd Annual Tailgate this fall and a home football game. We have a few philanthropy projects in mind. Contributions of can and dry goods will be brought to each meeting will be donated to a food

bank based on need. Hope bags with personal care items will be made and donated to a local women's shelter. The benefit of these projects is that they can be worked on at each meeting without having to promote fundraisers. Anyone having unused or old cell phones should be aware that I am collecting them for a local women's shelter in MD.

I would like for us all to reach out to a sister and make a personal effort to contact someone we have not seen or heard from in a while. Let's give them a call or invite them to the next meeting.

We were so glad to have Lisa Neehouse and Carrie Wiesenbach at our last meeting. I wanted to welcome them and we hope see you at the next meeting. I look forward to making new strides and accomplishments this year with our new officer team and committee chairs.

In sisterhood,
Michelle Payne Ryan
2005 President



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Special points of interest:

- Alumni invited to attend Active Formal...
- A Moment from the Past...
- Next Alumni meeting April 9, 2005 in Morgantown...

HOPE BAGS TO BE ASSEMBLED DURING APRIL ALUMNI MEETING...

We will be assembling Hope Bags at our April meeting. Hope Bags are exactly what they sound like; when it feels like you are at the bottom of the barrel and still digging, it is the small things that can give you the hope that things can and will get better.

There are a number of things that we can include in our Hope Bags. Any toiletry items are much appreciated. These may include toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotions deodorant, shampoos, soaps, shaving cream, combs and brushes – the list is endless. Small bags of snacks or candies are also appreciated. Washcloths, elastic hair bands, hand sanitizers/baby wipes, are also suggested items.

I will prepare several bags for us to fill at the meeting (Anyone in the Morgantown area who would like to get together to assist is MORE than welcome to pitch in with the prep work. Just call me. Please bring your goodies to place in the bags. If anyone is interested in bringing additional items, perhaps we could fill a basket/bag for the use of the entire facility. For example, I know that Bartlett House is always in need of towels, cleaning supplies, non-perishable food items, and disposable gloves in particular.

It appears that our Hope Bag donations will go to the Bartlett House, the homeless shelter here in Morgantown, so feel free to bring items for both male and female recipients. I am looking forward to doing this activity and am very hopeful that we will have great participation. Please contact me with any questions, comments, or suggestions (304.983.8584).

Sisters, Monica

Next Alumni Meeting...

Saturday, April 09, 2005

Morgantown, WV

12:00 p.m. Gather

12:30 p.m. Call To Order

Agricultural Sciences Building
Room # 1007 - Meeting

Room # 1011 - Child's Play Room
TV / VCR / Play Space
Children are Welcome!!! (ALWAYS)



TREASURER'S REPORT...



Michelle has opened two additional savings accounts. This will allow her to separate the ear-marked funds for each of the following: professional, scholarship, and house. She will be reporting balances of each account during the April meeting in Morgantown.

NOVEMBER 20, 2004 MEETING MINUTES...

Those attending: Michelle Payne-Ryan, Lisa McCutcheon, Monica Maxwell, Michelle Mouser, Anne Walker, Lisa Neehouse, Carrie Wiesenbach, and Shannon Boswell

The meeting was called to order by Monica Maxwell. The minutes were passed out by Anne Walker, Secretary. Shannon Boswell moved to accept the minutes as written. Michelle Mouser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Michelle Mouser passed out reports of income/expenses for 2003/2004. Lisa moved to accept the treasurer's report. Shannon seconded. Motion carried. Michelle reported she had not separated the savings account into separate accounts according to the different funds.

Lisa McCutcheon reported the last newsletter was sent out at the end of October and that there were many newsletters returned to her. She suggested that we consider under new business to email newsletter and suggested that she send newsletters to the secretary to forward by email to members.

Lisa Neehouse and Carrie Wiesenbach reported that the actives are having a Formal/Activation / Christmas party that will catered with a band on December 3 at 7:00 pm. They also reported the actives are holding a silent auction in the near future. Three girls went to convention and a good time by all. Shannon reported that 3 actives had been brought before the E-board concerning their attendance of activities.

Committee Reports:

Recruiting: Anne Walker reported that the annual packets were emailed out to everyone who had an email address. She mailed out 24 packets to those who did not have an email address.

Fundraising: Tabled discussion. We have determined that the dues are generating plenty of money to function at the current time.

Scholarship: The leadership award is still in proposal stage. Leadership award with a cash award is a possibility.

Old Business:

1. Scholarship/Leadership Award—The proposal is still in committee who is working out the details about how the award would work.

New Business:

1. Annual Tailgate—

Kerri volunteered to continue to organize the event for us. We will discuss the details at the April meeting Shannon Boswell suggested we hold it in conjunction with AG school tailgate

2. Goals/ Plans—

Continue to increase active alumni numbers. Currently, we have 16 total active alumni. Anne Walker suggested we consider a website domain purchase for alumni. We discussed publishing electronic newsletter communication 3 times per year. Michelle Payne-Ryan moved to publish an electronic newsletter 3 times per year. Shannon Boswell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. We discussed ideas about potential philanthropies brought up by Monica. Some ideas were: A) Food drive for Bartlet House or Scott's Run Settlement House; B) Angel Tree; C) Toys for tots; D) Cooking for Ronald McDonald House; E) Hope bags-women toiletries for RDVIC. Monica is to email Anne about what activity we'll do at the next meeting. Anne suggested having a Bakeless Bake Sale. We are to discuss it more at the next meeting.

4. Officer Election—

Michelle Mouser moved to accept

Michelle Payne-Ryan as President through vote of acclamation. Lisa McCutcheon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Michelle Mouser moved to accept as Shannon Boswell as Vice President through vote of acclamation. Anne Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Shannon Boswell moved to accept Anne Walker as Secretary through vote of acclamation. Seconded by Michelle Payne-Ryan. Motion carried. Shannon Boswell moved to accept Michelle Mouser as Treasurer through vote of acclamation. Michelle Payne-Ryan seconded. Motion carried. Lisa McCutcheon moved to accept Lisa Neehouse as Active/Alumni Liaison. Anne Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Michelle Payne-Ryan moved to accept Lisa McCutcheon as Communications Coordinator through vote of acclamation. Michelle Mouser seconded the motion. Motion carried. Shannon Boswell moved to accept Heather Ireland-Molessa as Historian through vote of acclamation. Michelle Payne-Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Committees:

Recruitment: Anne Walker-Chair, Carrie Wiesenbach, Chris Reed, Shannon Boswell.

Fundraising/Philanthropy: Michelle Mouser-Chair, Monica Maxwell, April Christopher.

Scholarship/Leadership: Michelle Payne-Ryan-Chair, Lisa McCutcheon Heather Ireland-Molessa

Social: Kerri Linton-Chair, Lisa Neehouse, Michelle Payne-Ryan.

6. Next meeting—

Michelle M. volunteered to bring food to the April 2005 meeting.

Adjournment-

Shannon Boswell moved to adjourn the meeting. Carrie Wiesenbach seconded. Motion carried.