

West Virginia University  
Sigma Alpha Alumni  
Business Meeting  
November 10, 2001  
Laurel Room of WVU Mountainlair Student Union  
Morgantown, WV

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Monica Maxwell. Michelle Mouser moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded by April Christopher.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Monica Maxwell-Acting President  
Michelle Mouser-Treasurer  
Anne Custer-Secretary  
April Christopher  
Lisa McCutcheon  
Christina Reed

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

President: Kerri Linton was unable to attend the meeting, due to Chad being ill. Monica Maxwell was setting in with notes from Kerri. Monica reported that Kerri had not been in contact with Nationals concerning the Nationals Sister Exchange Program.

Vice President: Monica Maxwell had no report.

Secretary: Anne Custer researched some missing people on Classmates.com. She went over the names with members asking their hometowns, so they could be contacted.

Treasurer: Michelle Mouser submitted a summary of all checking and savings account transactions. The checking account balance is \$295.27. The savings account balance is \$1098.66.

Active/Alumni Liaison: Anne Custer asked active member Shannon Boswell to give an update on the active chapter. Shannon discussed the Silent Auction that will be held the week of November 26, 2001. She will be taking pictures and is hoping to post them on the Chi chapter website so that Alumnus may submit bids. Shannon reported that they have been holding bi-weekly pizza sales. The actives are planning a Date Nite in Pittsburgh to see Les Miserables and to have dinner. The current MC class will be activated November 27,

2001 at 9pm. The actives are planning a Christmas Party, will be holding officer elections soon, and are discussing plans for a formal in the Spring 2002 semester.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Scholarship Committee: Lisa McCutcheon reported she had received 2 applications for the annual scholarship from active members Natalie Carpenter and Wendy Romanowski. The group discussed when the scholarship should be distributed. It was decided that the candidate would be selected in the Spring 2002 semester, so the money could be distributed for the Fall 2002 semester.

Fundraising Committee: Michelle Mouser reported that she was still selling cookbooks at her store. Shannon Boswell asked that she ship a couple to her for the Silent Auction. Michelle discussed with the group the plans for the afghan raffle tickets. Lisa McCutcheon is designated to design the tickets. Anne Custer and Monica Maxwell will help in distributing them to members.

Recruitment Committee: Anne Custer discussed names and addresses of inactive alumni members with the group. She reported that Saundra Uy, Amanda Lane, Mercy Heath, and Christina Reed are new active members. We do have more members than last year. The membership update form has been re-designed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Afghan Project: Anne Custer showed the group the cross-stitch afghan. It is completed through to the "T". Anne is currently working on it. Michelle Mouser moved to sell tickets for the raffle for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Lisa McCutcheon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Composite: Tabled at the last meeting. Heather Molessa, Historian, was to provide the members with information.

Family Picnic Day: Was cancelled due to a lack of interest. Michelle Mouser discussed developing ideas for activities that was easier to prepare for besides camping. She proposed moving the spring meeting to late February or early March and then having a social activity in May or June. April Christopher moved to hold the next business meeting March 2, 2001 at Michelle Mouser's home at 2pm. Anne Custer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A standing social committee was designated to find a place, date and time to hold a family get together. The committee will consist of Michelle Payne-Ryan, Heather Molessa and Kerri Linton. Shannon Boswell suggested that we might think about holding it at the Valley Worlds of Fun in Fairmont, West Virginia. She believes they rent rooms to groups for meetings and food maybe included. There are activities for children, as well as adults. May 18, 2002 was designated as a tentative date for the social committee to look at.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Lifetime Membership for WVU Sigma Alpha Alumni: It has been discussed in the past to develop Lifetime Membership for the WVU Sigma Alpha Alumni. Michelle Mouser told the group that the idea would probably need to be referred to a committee for further discussion on how it would work. She suggested tabling it until we get more membership. Lisa McCutcheon expressed concerns about new members getting lifetime memberships and paying them off early. As a consequence, contributions may not be made to the organization. Lisa also suggested reviewing at the current cost of dues to perhaps eliminate this problem. Those serving on the Dues Committee will include: Lisa McCutcheon, Monica Maxwell, Kerri Linton, and Michelle Mouser.

Fundraising Ideas: Monica Maxwell discussed some fundraising ideas with the group. These included selling Frozen cookie dough and candles. Shannon Boswell discussed having the alumni help with the active elimination dinner. The tickets would be sold for \$50.00/couple and it is not required to be present to win the money. Shannon explained how the elimination would work. She suggested selling 200 tickets to the event. Monica Maxwell shared how the elimination dinners worked at her high school. Lisa McCutcheon suggested holding it on a Saturday night. The group discussed the price of the tickets. It was suggested that a single ticket price needs to be an option as well as the couple ticket price. We also discussed holding the dinner in conjunction with the FFA State Association as a benefit. The ideas were referred to the fundraising committee.

Michelle Mouser suggested that have a fundraiser called Basket Bingo. Basket Bingo involves selling tickets for \$20.00 for a bingo card, plus they have the option of buying another card for an additional \$10.00. When "Bingo" is called, the prize will be a Longaberger Theme Basket. There is no prep-time involved except for selling tickets and deciding on the different themes for the baskets. Michelle Mouser is a consultant for Longaberger Basket Company. We all agreed to refer this to the Fundraising Committee. April Christopher passed around a brochure from Pampered Chef. Pampered Chef has re-organized their fundraising package. The organization makes 40% on all sales. Items are pre-selected to include measuring cups, spoon sets, etc.

Leadership Retreat for Active Chapter: We discussed holding a leadership retreat for the active chapter. Michelle Mouser suggested that we try to have it at Alderson-Broadus College, since it would be affordable. We agreed to include the Membership Candidates. Alumni members will meet Friday evening for a regular business meeting and to set up for the Retreat. Lisa McCutcheon moved to have the Leadership Retreat/Fall Business Meeting on October 18 – 20, 2002 at Alderson-Broadus College, assuming space is available. Michelle Mouser seconded the motion.

Moving Checking and Savings Accounts: Michelle Mouser proposed to move the checking and savings accounts from Belington Bank to Barbour County Bank due to Belington Bank being merged and problems that may create. Lisa McCutcheon moved to transfer the checking and savings accounts from Belington Bank to Barbour County Bank. Anne Custer seconded the motion.

Officer Elections: Officers were elected for the 2002-year. They are as follows:

President: Lisa McCutcheon—Accepted by vote of Acclamation-Moved by Michelle Mouser; Seconded by

Vice President: Monica Maxwell—Accepted by vote of acclamation-Moved by Anne Custer; Seconded by Lisa McCutcheon

Secretary: Anne Custer—Accepted by vote of acclamation-moved by Michelle Mouser; Seconded by

Treasurer: Michelle Mouser—Accepted by vote of  
acclamation-moved by Lisa McCutcheon; Seconded by

Historian: Heather Molessa—Accepted by vote of  
acclamation-moved by Lisa McCutcheon; seconded by

Communications: Amanda Lane—accepted by vote of  
acclamation-moved by Michelle Mouser; seconded by  
Anne Custer

Active/Alumni Liaison: Christina Reed—accepted by vote of  
acclamation-moved by Anne Custer; seconded by  
Michelle Mouser

Committee Assignments:

Standing Social Committee: April Christopher-Chairperson  
Lisa McCutcheon  
Michelle Mouser

Scholarship Committee: Michelle Payne-Ryan-Chairperson  
Lisa McCutcheon  
Heather Molessa

Fundraising Committee: Michelle Mouser-Chairperson  
Monica Maxwell  
Lisa McCutcheon  
April Christopher

Recruitment Committee: Anne Custer-Chairperson  
Monica Maxwell  
Christina Reed  
Amanda Lane

Leadership Retreat Committee: Kerri Linton-Chairperson  
Michelle Payne-Ryan  
Heather Molessa  
Amanda Lane

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Anne Custer: announced sisters who were married during the  
summer: Drema Drake, Mandy Roach, Sara Peacock

Announced Lisa “Chaney” Moreland is expecting her first  
child.

Monica Maxwell: announced she is expecting her second child and she has been promoted to a supervisor position at NIOSH

Shannon Boswell: announced Deanna Ammons is expecting her second child.

Lisa McCutcheon: introduced Shannon McCutcheon, who is a current Membership Candidate

Anne Custer moved to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Mouser seconded the motion.