

**West Virginia University  
Sigma Alpha Alumni  
Fall Meeting  
November 16, 2002  
WVU Mountainlair Bluestone Room  
Morgantown, WV  
1:00pm**

Call Meeting to Order: Lisa McCutcheon

Members present include: Lisa McCutcheon, Anne Walker, Heather Ireland-Molessa, Monica Maxwell, Chris Reed, Sara Peacock-Clark, April Christopher, and Michelle Payne-Ryan.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

President: No Report was given.

Vice President: No Report was given

Secretary: Anne read the minutes of the March and August meetings. Monica moved to accept the minutes of both meeting as read. Heather seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer: The report was given by Michelle Payne-Ryan. The balance in checking as of November 12, 2002 was \$998.55. The balance in savings as of the same date was \$1586.69. Heather moved to accept, Monica seconded. Michelle Payne-Ryan discussed fundraising ideas that were still on the table from the previous year. The group decided to exclude cookie dough and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts as possibilities due to the time needed for distribution and delivery.

Historian: Heather asked for suggestions on how to do a composite for Charter Sisters. There are no existing records and pictures on some sisters. Sara Peacock-Clark stated that she could do a group picture and develop it with names. Heather stated she could develop a photobook with each class.

Communications Coordinator: Amanda's mother had a heart attack. She's teaching a full time high school French class. No report was given.

Alumni/Active Liaison: Chris Reed reported that actives have low attendance to active meetings and that the same people are doing all the work. Christ stated the active chapter found out in early November that they are to host the 2003 regional conference. However, no paperwork/records exist for the last conference held in Morgantown. The last conference was held in the spring of 1997. Anne and Chris has talked to active member Sara Hare. Sara stated that actives are at a lost as to what to do. Committees are a futile and members are not working together.

Chris and Jean Woloshuk attended a mandatory meeting. They determined that actives are having communication problems with sisters. Jean told actives to act like adults, and threatened to quit as advisor. Actives are having trouble with second V.P. Karen Goodenow. Shannon Boswell stated rush was pushed back, MC period pushed back, and other actives have taught class. Activation is to be held the first of December. No little sisters have been handed out at this point. There are two lists with bigs/littles circulated and actives don't know which one they should follow. Karen does not attend all the MC meetings. She has not offered any help to MC's with projects. Other Actives are covering her responsibilities and duties. There are 15 MC's this semester. MC's are motivated to be active.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Fundraising: April Christopher is moving and has difficulty reporting on the fundraisers. Tabled to next meeting.

Chris stated that actives are interested in doing steak wagon in September. She asked for input from alumni. Lisa gave her information about who actives need to contact to get permission to have steak wagon at the Round up in Jackson's Mill.

April Christopher suggested we serve buckwheat plates at the Buckwheat Festival in September. April will get more information.

Members had a discussion concerning which fundraisers to continue to pursue. Candles and Longaberger baskets (raffle baskets) were good possibilities. The group decided that Krispy Kreme/Cookie dough would be too difficult to do

Recruitment: Anne mailed out 75 packets. New members include Sara Peacock-Clark and Ruthann Weimer.

Scholarship: The scholarship committee used Nationals scholarship form. Michelle Payne-Ryan just received application in the mail to discuss at meeting. Anne stated she received records from Michelle for Natalie Carpenter and Wendy Romanowski scholarship recipients.

Michelle Payne-Ryan has distributed applications via Reed and decided to accept email reference letters. She has gotten one application back. The recipient needs to be determined in the fall (today).

Social: No report was given.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Spring Leadership Retreat: Lisa gave Kerri's report. Dates proposed were in January/February. Kerri liked Klaer Lodge but was concerned about the weather. A 2 day/1 night activity was being planned. Anne is willing to do SWOT analysis. Lisa's willing to bring team challenge kits.

See attached email from Kerri Linton dated November 13, 2002.

- Lisa expressed concern about the weather in Jan/Feb- discussed that if retreat would work, 100% of the alumni would need to be committed.

Actives have regional conference to host in the spring.

- Dates regional conference for February and 2 April weekends.
- Lisa expressed concern about the timeline to develop conference and the number of people who actually do the work. She is concerned over manpower and actives being burned out once conference is over.
- Chris stated that Angie Pepe, active President, notified all chapters to pick dates that would be best.
- Sara Peacock-Clark offered to help with planning the weekend schedule. Hotel rooms, university schedule, etc. need to be considered.
- Shannon Boswell is the Conference committee. She shared ideas as to where the conference would be held in Morgantown. Mountainlair, NRCCE, Westvaco Center, Towers, and Ramada Inn were ideas shared.

- Lisa suggested that Shannon get in contact with other chapters to get a hold of a Schedule from a previous conference. She suggested not reinventing the wheel.

Heather moved to table the retreat until after the conference until summer 2003. Monica seconded. Motion passed.

April Christopher, Monica Maxwell, Chris Reed, and Sara Peacock-Clark will serve as the contact people for the conference.

National Board Activity: Chris reported that 3 actives went to the National Convention

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Election of 2003 officers:

President- Sara Peacock-Clark

Michelle moved to accept by vote of acclamation, Heather seconded. Motion passed.

Vice President- Monica Maxwell

Heather moved to accept by vote of acclamation, Sara seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary- Anne Walker

Heather moved to accept by vote of acclamation. Michelle Payne-Ryan seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer- Michelle Mouser

Monica moved to accept by vote of acclamation. Heather seconded. Motion passed.

Historian- Heather Molessa

Michelle PR moved to accept by vote of acclamation. Sara seconded. Motion passed.

Communications Coordinator- April Christopher

Michelle PR moved to accept by vote of acclamation. Heather seconded. Motion passed.

Active/Alumni Liaison- Christina Reed

Heather moved to accept by vote of acclamation. Monica seconded. Motion passed.

Plans for 2003 activities and events:

Members agreed to hold a spring meeting in conjunction with the regional conference. A date will be set once conference dates are determined.

Meeting dates for 2003:

Members discussed holding a summer meeting in conjunction with the West Virginia State Fair in August. Anne stated she could reserve a meeting room at the USDA Service Center in Lewisburg.

Fundraising Decision:

Suggestions were offered as to what to do with fundraising money. Sara suggested some of the money should go to professional development for the conference.

Heather moved to put 100% of both proceeds from fundraisers into the professional account. Sara seconded.

Michelle P.R. discussed putting money in maintenance to pay for fundraisers, etc. for 2003. Heather explained prior discussion concerning the actives regional conference in the Spring of 2003.

Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Lisa brought cards for Brooke Witsberger/Kerri Linton for everyone to sign.

Chris Reed stated Stacy Hawkins has defended thesis.

Shannon Boswell- Leslie Gordon Buttermore got married 9/27/02

Christina Gibson is engaged to be married.

Deanna Ammons son Creed Walker Ammons turned 1

Anne- anyone who has wedding pictures, children pictures, etc for the website, please send to me.

Sara moved to adjourn the meeting. Heather seconded. Motion passed.