

**Sigma Alpha Alumni Meeting**  
**November 8, 2003**  
**1:00 pm**  
**Bluestone Room, Mountainlair**

Members present: Anne Walker, Monica Maxwell, April Christopher, Chris Reed, Shannon Boswell, Shannon McCutcheon, Kerri Linton, Lisa McCutcheon, Angie Pepe

Vice President Monica Maxwell called the meeting to order. Secretary Anne Walker passed out minutes to everyone to read. Lisa McCutcheon moved to accept the minutes as read. Heather Ireland-Molessa seconded the motion.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

President: Current President Sara Peacock-Clark is in the process of moving to Richmond to begin a new job. She was not present for the meeting.

Vice President: Monica Maxwell had no report.

Secretary: Anne Walker had no report.

Treasure: Heather Ireland-Molessa gave the report for Michelle Mouser. She passed out the report Michelle had prepared. The savings account balance as of November 5, 2003 was \$1995.75. The checking account balance as of November 5, 2003 was \$830.24.

Historian: Heather Ireland-Molessa had no report.

Communications: April Christopher had no report.

Liaison: Chris Reed gave active member Shannon Boswell the floor to give a report on the active chapter. The actives are currently working on the conference. Currently, they are obtaining speakers, developing fundraisers, and submitting an application for a grant for money for the conference to be held April 2-4, 2004. Shannon reported that they are trying to schedule as many things in University buildings, in order to save money. Dr. Meecee Baker (agriculture education department in PA) is key speaker. Shannon is planning small sessions and trying to obtain local speakers. They are trying to obtain block rates for hotels for members attending. Shannon Boswell stated actives went to dinner before the formal and then had finger food at the formal.

The active chapter is scheduled for a National visit-11/21-22. They are also participating in the National Philanthropy- Ag in Classroom, with the help of a local kindergarten classroom. Shannon stated that there is a small group doing a lot of the work. The active chapter is preparing for elections. They have sold t-shirts for Bachelor/Bachelorette auction, which they raised \$1000. Half of the money was donated to stepping stones and half to Monongalia County 4-H. There is a silent auction planned for next week. They are considering a spaghetti dinner and discount cards for conference fundraisers

The group discussed a motion from last meeting that gives actives money from fundraisers last year toward professional speaker for conference. Monica Maxwell stated she will call Michelle Mouser to get the money to the actives by December 8, 2003.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Recruitment: Anne Walker went over recruitment information that was sent out in August.

Fundraising: Paula Weekley emailed some ideas for the Alumni to discuss.

Scholarship: Heather Ireland-Molessa stated actives had not submitted the scholarship application. The committee hadn't met to decide when to present the award. It was agreed to discuss ideas on how to proceed with awarding the scholarship under new business.

## **OLD BUSINESS-**

Regional Conference: Alumni needs to submit check to actives for professional speaker for regional conference. Shannon Boswell stated they need speaker ideas. She has tentative schedule put together for the conference. They are considering a career panel on different experiences. Other discussion group topics include membership retention and rush ideas. Shannon stated they had an idea to have alumni charter and alpha sisters speak on how to begin a chapter. They have been offered help from Penn State alumni to provide speakers. It was suggested that Shannon contact Mindy Cavender for ideas for the conference. Lisa McCutcheon will check to see if she can get an address for her.

### Scholarship:

April Christopher suggested giving out scholarship at the conference in April. Heather Ireland-Molessa suggested that the application be given out before the end of the semester, so that award can be given at the conference. Lisa McCutcheon suggested that we create an monetary award in association with a chapter award. She also suggested that the advisor and liaison should be involved in selecting the candidate. Shannon Boswell suggested that a nomination letter to be submitted to alumni to select the candidate. Awarding the scholarship could run in conjunction with a Senior dinner. Kerri Linton moved to table existing scholarship and defer to committee to write a new proposal for a leadership award. Lisa McCutcheon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lisa McCutcheon suggested that the proposal be approved by email. Kerri Linton stated that scholarship committee needs to have full authority to award the money.

### Leadership Retreat:

Kerri Linton moved to indefinitely table the leadership retreat. Heather Ireland-Molessa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS-**

Heather Ireland-Molessa stated that Michelle Mouser had idea of putting a certain amount of money from savings in a CD instead of keeping it in a savings account. Heather moved to allow Michelle Mouser to investigate moving money to a CD up to \$1500 at a bank she sees fit. Lisa McCutcheon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Fundraising ideas:

- ◇ Paula Weekley suggested we sell home interior for valentine's day. They have tin lanterns that sell for \$14.99. If we sell 50 lanterns, we earn \$150.
- ◇ Monica Maxwell suggested alumni sell Sarris Candy pretzel rods \$1.00/pack. We would earn \$0.50/pack. She also suggested selling krispy kreme doughnuts.
- ◇ Shannon Boswell suggested the idea of a calendar party in conjunction with the active chapter. How the party would work is that there will be 12 tables one for each month. There would be a host for each month and that host makes food for a holiday in the month. People pay \$5.00 to come to eat. There would be 10 people/table. The host serves food and drinks. As an additional fundraiser raffle tickets would be sold.
- ◇ Another fundraiser to be considered was to raffle off a Longaberger basket filled with pampered chef items.

### Discussion of meetings

Lisa McCutcheon stated that we need to pick dates and stick to the dates. Anne Walker suggested we pick two dates per year to meet in Morgantown.

### Meeting dates for 2004:

- ◇ Regional conference April 2-4 Alumni meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. meet at ag school.
- ◇ Fall Meeting- Mountaineer Week-November 13<sup>th</sup> tentatively. Monica is looking into a day care person to come and sit with the kids during the minutes.

### Reunion Party:

Heather Ireland-Molessa proposed we hold a 10 year Sigma Alpha reunion in 2004.

- ◇ Meet at a local restaurant, pay for own dinner, socialize only
- ◇ Send out invitation or put flyer in newsletter
- ◇ Tentative date: September 18, 2004
- ◇ Discussed having reunion at Pargo's, without kids
- ◇ It was suggested that Alumni send a flyer in March Newsletter with date to get suggestions, to get idea of the amount of interest, send invite to those who respond.
- ◇ Committee- April, Monica, Kerri, Shannon
- ◇ Schedule around football, send invitation July 2004
- ◇ Kerri moved. Heather seconded. Motion carried.

### Elections:

President: Monica Maxwell- Kerri Linton moved to accept by vote of acclamation. Heather Ireland-Molessa seconded.

Vice President: April Christopher-Monica Maxwell moved to accept by vote of acclamation. Kerri Linton seconded.

Secretary: Anne Walker-Kerri Linton moved to accept by vote of acclamation. Lisa McCutcheon seconded.

Treasurer: Michelle Mouser- Kerri moved to accept by vote of acclamation. Lisa seconded.

Communications: Lisa McCutcheon. Kerri moved to accept by vote of acclamation.. Heather Ireland-Molessa seconded.

Historian: Heather Ireland-Molessa. Lisa moved to accept by vote of acclamation.. Kerri Linton seconded.

Liaison: Chris Reed – Kerri moved to accept by vote of acclamation. April Christopher seconded.

### **COMMITTEES:**

Social- Lisa McCutcheon, Kerri Linton, April Christopher

Fundraising-Michelle Mouser, Anne Walker, April Christopher

Recruitment-Anne Walker, Chris Reed

Scholarship-Lisa McCutcheon, Heather Ireland-Molessa, Michelle Payne-Ryan

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Lisa McCutcheon handed out scrapbook fundraising hand out.

Anne Walker- Gave member updates.

Shannon Boswell.- Ruthann Weimer at OSU and getting married.

Monica Maxwell- Kara Alt is finishing Vet School. Her dad is having a risky surgery.

Adjournment: