



Board of Directors Minutes February 7, 2008

Members Present: Anita Raby (President Elect), Fallon Pirtle (SGA President), Lisa Payne (Staff Rep.), Janice Owen, Janet Smith, Tony Smith, Jim Miner, Chad Easterling, Louise Steele, Kent Bevil, Donald Entrekin, Charles Seifried, John McLain, Jeff Bass, Betty Ruth-Oliver, Vickie Hamm, and Ann Greer

Members not Present: Kay Kelly, Margaret Kaucher, Deborah Schaus, Tressie McLemore, Walt Merritt (President), Mike English (Past President), and Robin Clem

Ex-Officio Members Present: Tena Bullington (Coordinator)

Also in Attendance: Ann Entrekin (Member), Tricia Di Lullo (Alumni Secretary)

1. Welcome- Anita Raby, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.
2. Minutes- The minutes from November 8, 2007 were approved.
3. Financial Report- Jim went over the financial report, scholarship investments, and budget in detail. The only scholarship monies accounted for on the financial statement are from the Golf Tournament. Surplus in the Exxon stock has been funding deficiencies in other scholarships. Betty Ruth asked if the count for Foundation scholarships included the Alumni Scholarships. No, these are in the same account but counted separately. The financial report was approved.
4. Christmas Concert and Reception Report- Tressie had a school commitment, so Anita went over the Christmas Concert. There were three concerts and each was well attended. Income from donations was also up.
5. Alumni Awards Banquet- Betty Ruth will meet with her committee in the near future. Reservations must be paid by March 31, 2008. No reservations will be held for payment at the door.
6. Alumni Awards Nominations- There are four nominations to date. Suggestion: Alumni President should send a letter to all Deans to encourage at least one nomination from each college. Dr. Fritze has already committed to two nominations. They have not been submitted yet. Trish requested that packets be turned in with more than a one-sentence description. Janet requested that the description read at the presentation and what is printed in the program be different. Anita volunteered to assist with this.
7. 50 Year Club- Louise is willing to Co-Chair the 50 Year Club Committee for another year, provided that she has assistance. She will work with Sara Love to go over the lists of eligible graduates.

8. Golf Classic- Walt has a new grandchild and was out of town. Anita informed the board that Canebrake has a new manager and Pro. Members were asked to take Retailer, Sponsor, and Golfer letters as well as the flyer promoting the event. Golfers will receive a polo shirt this year.
9. Board Nomination Committee Report- The committee has contacted all members scheduled to rotate off to check their desires to be re-nominated. All but Vickie Hamm has asked to be re-nominated. Vicki Stevenson was presented as a replacement. The slate of nominees was approved to be presented at the Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting. Margaret Vann has resigned. JJ Donahue was recommended and approved to fill the remainder of her term. Margaret Kaucher is now in a nursing home. There is no current movement to replace her board position due to her past contributions.
10. Jill and Jerry Bartlett Gift- Dr. Bartlett is set to retire in August. Some members suggested making a monetary donation to the Endowed Scholarship fund through the Foundation. There is a reception scheduled for June 19, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. This discussion will be continued at a later date.
11. Podiums- The podium file has been misplaced and further research will need to be done. John will follow up with Rotary. Anita asked if the board would recommend a ceiling amount to be spent or if they would like to vote via email. A motion passed to allow the Executive Committee to use their own judgment in ordering podiums before the Awards Banquet with a \$5000 cap.
12. New Business-
 - Dr. Bartlett should be able to present a State of the University report at the May meeting.
 - Chancellor Byrne was on campus to provide an overview of the search process for a new President. Several members of the board met with the Chancellor afterwards to discuss their desire to have an alumni board member on the search committee. Dr. Young from Wallace-Dothan will Chair the Search Committee.
13. Next Meeting- The next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Banquet Room. Trish will send out an updated calendar with the changes approved at the last meeting. All meetings will now be on the first Thursday of the month, with the exception of November. That meeting will be on November 20, 2008 due to the Christmas decorating.
14. Adjournment was at 6:15 p.m.