

# NEBRASKA METHODIST COLLEGE

## Alumni Association Meeting

**Date: July 15, 2010**

Call to Order: 12:07 pm

**Director:** Denise Carlson

**Members Present:** Ruth Stufft, Carol Lynch, Sue Wulf, Katie Doty, Zoy Blair, Virginia Graham, Roberta Frazey, Robyn Hall, Rose Leavitt, Rob Hughes, Mary Sue Prough, Chris Hamilton, Kris Hess, Denise Carlson

**Minutes Recorded by:** Katie Doty

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| <b>Introductions &amp; Welcome</b> |   |   |
| <b>Minutes</b>                     | Motion to approve minutes from the May 20 <sup>th</sup> meeting: Zoy, seconded: Ruth  |   |
| <b>Volleyball Tournament</b>       | Barb and Rob are chairing this event. Denise sent an e-mail to the College and students. It was noted that the volleyball tournament is sponsored by the Alumni Association so students understand they are invited. We will have registration from 9 am-10 am. Starting of the games will be at 10:30 am. Those that register late will not receive a t-shirt. We will again have competitive and recreational teams. 2009 expenses greatly exceeded our proceeds. If we charge \$15/person we would break even or perhaps realize a small profit. Mary Sue will ask a friend to match our purchase of restaurant gift cards. This year we have opted not to do gift bags of candy. Last year the trophies people received were left over from the first tourney. We will not give out trophies for winning teams. Rob will be sending out an e-mail of the picture on the t-shirt to finalize the idea. The goal is to get a team of players from each student group and there are 10 student groups. Refs for the final games will cost about \$20-\$30. | Rob Hughes<br>Barb Butcher<br>Mary Sue Prough |
| <b>Treasurer's Report</b>          | Checking and Money Market balances were given. The \$10,000 check from our Alumni Endowment was deposited and checks were written to Financial Aid for the two \$5,000 scholarship recipients.  |   |

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| <b>Commencement Tradition</b>                | As stated before at orientation students will put their starfish in the sand during new student orientation and then take it with them at graduation. To expedite the process at orientation, students will be separated into different tables with Ambassadors at each table and eight students. There will be a bowl on the table with sand in it. Denise will make a presentation and then the Ambassador for each table will come and get eight starfish. Each student will place their starfish in the bowl on the table. Then those bowls will be added to one large bowl and at graduation the starfish will all be in one bowl and they will choose a starfish from the bowl. A motion was made by Katie to purchase 20 bowls and to start placing starfish in separate bowls and then join them all in one large bowl. Robyn seconded the motion. | Denise Carlson               |
| <b>Archival displays</b>                     | The uniforms are now on display. A few things need to be fixed with the uniforms. The 50's cape needs to be turned in order to see the gold lining, the comb in the cap is too low, and the bottom of a box needs to be fixed. We will order plaques to acknowledge the Alumni Association for the donation. Nebraska Methodist Hospital of Nursing Uniforms-1923, 1950. Donated by the Nebraska Methodist Alumni Association. Large TV monitors were placed by the chapel and in the lobby area for pictures. They were up in time for the educational offering, reunion, and Carpe Diem.   | Denise Carlson               |
| <b>Lunch Orders</b>                          | A unanimous decision was made to stop ordering lunches since there has to be a minimum of lunches ordered and we are sometimes below that minimum. During the school year people can purchase lunches from the College vendor and in the summer we could do boxed lunches if people want it.   |                              |
| <b>2010 Reunion<br/>Educational Offering</b> | Great success with record attendance. A suggestion was made to place signs asking for quiet outside of the classrooms during the presentation to minimize distractions. Another suggestion was made to post a sign up to show people which door to come in after the presentation has started. At the end of the offering the video of recipients for awards could be played.  |                              |
| <b>50-Year Honor Breakfast:</b>              | We will continue with a breakfast instead of a luncheon as it was well received. Garden Café catered the event. Again the 50-year alums need to adhere to the deadline date for the memory books.  |                              |

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| <b>Silent Auction:</b>   | We need more attendance at the dinner for better bidding opportunities. Suggestions were made to increase the minimum bids on items and the amount that bid needs to increase. If the minimum bid is not met then the item will be held for the next year. This year, Denise received permission to send an All Health System e-mail and one Clinic employee did place a bid. Current Ambassadors were there to be runners to the winners and many people liked to talk to them about the school. |                                     |
| <b>Reunion Dinner:</b>   | Alums feel that more College support is needed from the instructors and staff in order to increase alums' attendance. The Regency Lodge has been reserved and options for casual attire and/or a BBQ-style menu will be explored.   |                                     |
| <b>Golf Tournament:</b>  | Golfers liked the course and next year's golf tournament will again be at Eagle Hills. Date is Friday, June 17, 2011.   |                                     |
| <b>Endowment Fund:</b>   | Need to return monies to the endowment for the scholarships. A motion was made by Rose to donate all silent auction and golf tournament proceeds back to the endowment. Chris seconded the motion and all were in favor.  | Denise to send check to MHF         |
| <b>Student Services:</b> | There are 100 nursing students coming in the fall. Respiratory therapists have their highest numbers coming in. There will be a tea to honor scholarship recipients which the foundation is supporting. Kris will extend an invitation to Alyssa Evans and Jane Covington at the tea for their scholarships from the Alumni Association.  |                                     |
| <b>Road Trip:</b>        | If anyone is up for a road trip please give your suggestions to Denise.   |                                     |
| <b>Book Club:</b>        | This is a suggestion to reach different groups of people. Possibly meet 3-4 different times throughout the year. More information to come.  |                                     |
| <b>Adjourned</b>         | Adjourned at 2:00 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Robyn. Seconded by Katie.   |                                     |