



Minnesota Chapter



BOARD MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 1, 2007

Present: Marilyn Binkley, President; Mick Kuban, Treasurer; Aaron Hofstedt; Mike Houle; Mark Feeser; Megan Feeser; TJ Jackson; Brian Binkley; Diane Maleski; Chris Dore

Absent: Sara Woodling, Vice President; Emily Zuber, Secretary; Helene Slocum

The President called the meeting to order at 3:05pm and presented the agenda.

- I) The minutes from the previous meeting were not available for review.
- II) Treasure's Report – Mick
 - A) We broke even on the Annual Dinner.
 - B) Mick noted that the average bids on the silent auction items were lower than ever. He suggested to raise the minimum bid price on each item next year. Mick also reported that this year was the lowest silent auction totals in the past 4 years. Diane was to be reimbursed \$237 for her purchases towards the silent auction.
- III) Old Business
 - A) Annual Dinner – Marilyn
 - 1) Feedback from the Chapter members was that not enough notice was given for the event. Notice was posted on the website and on the listserv in November – the Board is not sure how much sooner is necessary.
 - 2) Marilyn threw out the idea of how can the chapter turn more of the “dinner” money into “scholarship” money. For example, instead of \$35-\$50 plates, how about doing appetizers instead? It is believed that many who attend annually look forward to the sit down dinner format. It was suggested to look into obtaining a large room for a restaurant, possibly decreasing costs to within the \$20-\$30 range.
- IV) Committee Reports
 - A) Membership – Megan/Mick
 - 1) 44 people have paid dues this year. There are approximately 15-20 people who paid dues in 2006 but not yet in 2007. Megan to contact them to determine why.
 - 2) It will be noted in an email and on the website the current member count.
 - B) Scholarship Committee – Helene
 - 1) It was decided to not award any additional money for the 2006-2007 academic year.



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- 2) It was voted, and passed, to award a second scholarship in any year that more than 10 applications are sent it by students.
- C) Website & Listserv – Brian
 - 1) Brian updated the “Board Members” page at the end of the meeting with everyone’s current info.
 - 2) In March there were 76 unique visitors with over 200 page hits.
- D) Community Service – TJ/Mike
 - 1) Feed My Starving Children is set for April 28, 2007.
- E) Football Update – Aaron
 - 1) No update.
- V) New Business
 - A) Board Roles – Marilyn wanted to define clarify everyone’s roles. The following was agreed upon.
 - 1) President (Marilyn) – delegates tasks; oversees all committees
 - 2) Vice President (Sarah) – responsible for Annual Dinner; sits on the Community Service committee
 - 3) Secretary (Emily) – takes and distributes minutes of the monthly Board meetings; organizes the annual newsletter
 - 4) Treasurer (Mick) – handles are financial aspects of the Chapter
 - 5) Megan - Membership
 - 6) Aaron – Football Tailgates; Away Football Games
 - 7) Chris – Softball Tournament / Happy Hours
 - 8) Diane – Annual Newsletter Committee
 - 9) Helene – Scholarship Committee
 - 10) Mark – Community Service
 - 11) Mike – Help where required.
 - 12) TJ – Community Service / Social Chair
 - 13) Brian – Website/Listserv
 - B) What are the benefits of being a PSU MN Alumni Chapter Member?
 - 1) Networking / Annual Member Directory
 - 2) Discounts on various Chapter events (ie. Annual Dinner)
 - 3) Priority of Football Tickets
 - C) Future Events
 - 1) A lengthy discussion was held regarding future events. Please see the attachment with a list of all ideas for events. It was agreed upon by all Board Members present that we’ll plan one event each month outside of the football season. A Happy Hour at various bars is an acceptable event.
 - 2) A survey was filled out by 30 dues paying members. The results showed a heavy interest in PSU football related events, MN Twins, the theater and wine tasting.



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- 3) Chris reported that the bowling alley Park Tavern has done special events in the past for other groups trying to raise money. Chris will find out details and forward the information to the Board.
 - 4) Aaron will do research on securing a pavilion for a St Paul Saints game and will forward the information to the Board.
 - 5) It was agreed upon to do a second Community Service event in the fall or winter season.
 - 6) TJ has volunteered to head the Social Committee.
- D) PSU MN Alumni Logo
- 1) Brian suggested having a contest to create a logo for the chapter. This logo will be incorporated into the website, listserv, and clothing. The winner of the contest will win a t-shirt or polo shirt, to be determined later.
 - 2) It was agreed that creating Chapter t-shirts or other related clothing was a good idea.
- E) Scholarship Fundraising
- 1) It was suggested to inquire about raffling off tickets to home football games to raise money for the scholarship. Concerns were raised about the Minnesota laws regarding raffles. This is to be investigated further.
- VI) Conclusion
- A) The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.
 - B) The next meeting is schedule for Sunday , May 6, 5:00 p.m. at the President's home.

These meeting minutes shall serve at the official record of matters discussed and conclusions reached unless written notice is received.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Binkley

TREASURER'S REPORT						
April 1, 2007						
PERIOD: January 1 - April 1, 2007						
CHECKING ACCOUNT						2007
	Jan - Mar	Apr - May	June - July	Aug - Sept	Oct-Dec	Total
Beginning Balance	\$4,139.66					\$4,139.66
Receipts						
Annual Dues	\$825.00	\$75.00				\$900.00
Endowment Fund	\$420.00	\$25.00				\$445.00
Newsletter reimbursement	\$471.26					\$471.26
Silent Auction	\$1,045.00					\$1,045.00
Sports Tickets						\$0.00
Tickets - Annual Dinner	\$1,210.00					\$1,210.00
Total Receipts	\$3,971.26					\$4,071.26
Disbursements						
Alan Page Foundation						\$0.00
Annual Dinner - other						\$0.00
Annual Dinner	\$971.92					\$971.92
Endowment Fund						\$0.00
Newsletter Postage	\$288.60					\$288.60
Tickets/football						\$0.00
Other - ordered checks	\$19.95					\$19.95
Total Disbursements	\$1,280.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,280.47
Balance	\$6,830.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,930.45

PSU MN Alumni Chapter Event Ideas / Brainstorming Session

- 1 Theater
- 2 Bowling - Park Tavern: Chris Dore to forward additional information
- 3 BBQ @ French Park - may need to secure rental early in the season
- 4 PSU Creamery Ice Cream Social
- 5 Mini Golf
- 6 Skating (Depot)
- 7 St. Paul Saints Baseball - moving forward with June date
- 8 Apple River
- 9 Walker Art Center
- 10 Minneapolis Institute of Arts
- 11 Picnic in Sculpture Garden
- 12 Dave and Busters or Gameworks in Block-E
- 13 Chiefs training camp
- 14 Riverboat cruise
- 15 Zeffer - hour long scenic train ride
- 16 Caves in St. Paul
- 17 Como Park
- 18 Twins
- 19 PSU Football games
- 20 Mississippi River Boat - can range from \$10 to \$45 ea
- 21 Happy Hours around the cities

