

Minnesota Chapter



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 7, 2009

Present: Marilyn Binkley, President; Chris Shearer, Treasurer; Brian Binkley, Secretary; Mike Houle; Nancy Hammond; Matt Fisher; Julie Fisher

Absent: Sarah Woodling, Vice President; Diane Maleski; Megan Feeser; Marc Feeser; Aaron Hofstedt; Chris Dore; Mick Kuban

The President called the meeting to order at 5:06pm and presented the agenda.

- I) The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- II) Treasure's Report – Chris
 - A) Approximately \$3500 in the checking account and \$5000 in savings. The checking account includes the scholarship donations & silent auction funds.
 - B) Chris announced that he will be relocating back to Nashville effective the end of July, 2009. The treasurer position will need to be filled.
 - C) Nancy Hammond nominated Brian Binkley for the Treasurer spot and Marilyn Binkley seconded the nomination. Brian accepted the nomination. All Board members presented voted in favor of Brian being the next Treasurer. Marilyn to contact the absent Board Members for final approval.
 - D) As a result of Brian taking Treasure spot, Brian nominated Matt & Julie Fisher to fill the role as Secretary. Nancy seconded the nomination and they accepted. All Board members presented voted in favor of Matt & Julie being the Co-Secretary. Marilyn to contact the absent Board Members for final approval.
- III) Old Business
 - A) T-Shirts – Marilyn
 - 1) Marilyn needs to work with Brian to advertise the t-shirts on the website.
 - B) Business Cards – Marilyn
 - 1) Brian has the template created for Board Member business cards. The Board voted to eliminate the address off the business cards but maintain the website, general email, and the Binkley household as the official phone number for the Chapter. Business cards will be available by the next board meeting for distribution.
 - C) Future Events - Marilyn
 - 1) Reviewed the ideas generated at the last Board meeting
 - 2) JOEPA Bingo – Brian will take charge of this event and plan for as a winter activity
 - 3) Twins – Marilyn would like to see a Tuesday night where tickets to the homerun porch are half off (plus TWINGO) night. The Board suggested looking for a mid-late July Tuesday game to attend. Late the in meeting Chris announced that the Pirates are coming to the

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Twin Cities on June 16. Marilyn to organize a Twins outing for 6/16/09.

- 4) Ground Hog's Day Party – will be planned in 2010 for the week before the Super Bowl

IV) Committee Reports

A) President

- 1) The Chapter won the *Networking Tools in Fellowship & Networking* category from the Alumni Association Volunteer Awards. The chapter will be honored at the Volunteer Awards Recognition Dinner on November 6, 2009. The Board supports our Chapter being present to receive the \$500 grant.
- 2) The football lottery was submitted in the following order: Minnesota, Iowa & Northwestern. We expect to hear back by the end of June.

B) Membership –Megan

- 1) New alumni received a letter from Megan this past spring.
- 2) No report on current status.

C) Scholarship Committee – Mike

- 1) All students were emailed the application, along with being posted on the website.
- 2) One (1) application has already been returned.
- 3) Brian has volunteered to be a reader.

D) Website & Listserv – Brian

- 1) Brian asked everyone to take an active role in letting him know about changes/updates that should occur with the website.
- 2) LinkedIn currently has 25 members.
- 3) Facebook currently has 37 members.
- 4) There are currently 222 email addresses subscribed to our listserv.

E) Community Service – Mike (for Sarah)

- 1) Feed My Starving Children was on April 25, 2009. Approximately 20-25 alumni were present. The event was successful. The Chapter made a \$100 donation to FMSC.

F) Softball Tourney – Chris S.

- 1) When Chris took over as Treasurer, he discovered an outstanding check for \$300 not cashed from the 2008 Big Ten Alumni Tourney.
- 2) Long story short, the Page Education Foundation has not been associated with the Big Ten Tournament for four years and has never received any money from the Big Ten Tournament. Furthermore, the Foundation Board voted to not award a scholarship to any Big Ten School (except Minnesota) as they only award to state schools and Notre Dame.
- 3) The 2008 check has still not been cashed as of 6/7/09.
- 4) Our Board has agreed that we would like to continue to play in the Big Ten Tournament, but will only contribute to the amount towards

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- the tournament expenses (mainly umpires). Chris recommended continuing to give to the Page Foundation. No further action has been determined as this time.
- 5) The organizer of the tourney is a colleague of Chris. Chris has been in contact with the organizer and is trying to determine what has occurred with the money they have solicited over the years. Chris will report back to the Chapter.
 - 6) Chris did report that the organizer did indicate good intentions on creating an annuity for Minnesota students attending a Big Ten school. At this point, that annuity has not been created.
- G) Football Update – Marilyn/Nancy (Aaron absent)
- 1) The Board investigated Jakes Sports Bar & Grill in Plymouth. While it's a nice location, it was not ideal for a TV tailgate location.
 - 2) Nancy reviewed the data of her surveys with the Board. The general consensus was that the I-394/Plymouth/Bloomington area was a common agreement on location. Location and TV viewing quality were the most important items to those surveyed. Surprisingly to the Board, Major's was liked overall by the Chapter alumni.
 - 3) Marilyn and Nancy to explore opportunities at the following locations:
 - (a) Park Taven (St. Louis Park)
 - (b) Joe Sensor's (Plymouth)
 - (c) Robert's Sports Bar (Medina)
 - (d) Fieldhouse (Crystal)
- V) New Business
- A) Another Board Member leaving!
 - 1) It was announced that Diane Maleski will also be leaving our Board as she is relocated to SC. No, not State College, but South Carolina. We wish Diane the best of luck in the future. She'll be missed!!!
- VI) Conclusion
- A) The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.
 - B) The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2009.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Binkley
Secretary