

Miami Valley School Alumni Association

**Alumni Council Meeting
January 17, 2006
5:00 PM**

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| I. | Call to Order | Dave Montgomery
Matt Arnovitz |
| II. | Summary of where things are
Welcome new members | Matt Arnovitz
Dave Montgomery
Jill Hanning |
| III. | Election of Officers/Exec. Committee | All |
| IV. | Filling Vacancies on Alumni Council
Recruitment of New Members
Commitment of Existing Members | All |
| V. | Homecoming 2006 – Preperation
Assoc. Goals | Jill Hanning
All |
| VI. | Alumni Directory – Update on Status | Jill Hanning |
| VII. | MVS Update | Jill Hanning |
| VIII. | Goals for Next Meeting / Set Meeting Date | All |
| IX. | Other Business | All |

Adjourn

Next Alumni Council Meeting:

To Be Determined

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Present: Sonu Aggarwal, Matt Arnovitz, Anne Carpenter, Jill Hanning, Marcus Jenkins, Dave Montgomery, Sam Staley

- We met in a new location, Café Boulevard, thanks to a contact of Jenell's, where we were able to sit at a table tucked in at the back of the restaurant and enjoy drinks and appetizers while we met.
- New members Anne Carpenter, Sam Staley, and Sonu Aggarwal were introduced.
- Dave summarized the work that the steering committee has accomplished since April, including the details of the charter.
- Everyone contributed to conversation about how the council could accomplish goals relating to the four subcommittees: events, MVS relations, community outreach, and fundraising.
- We briefly discussed the alumni directory project and Jill presented information she gathered about the University Press Company, including a sample directory. The sample directory grouped alumni alphabetically, by class year, occupation, and region. Matt remarked that he would like ours to have the additional category of colleges attended. Jill shared that the company gathers their information via mail, not telephone. Also, they suggest a \$25 contribution for the directory, but every alum will receive a directory whether they have paid for one or not.
- Sam asked what the main goal for the council in 2006 was. This sparked a good conversation about the purpose of the council, and what makes it valuable to MVS alumni. Ultimately we decided that the immediate purpose of the council is to create a community among MVS alumni.
- To serve that purpose, we visited the idea of holding more casual, local events to encourage the growth of that community. We decided that a variety of bi-monthly local (Dayton/Cincy/Columbus) events would be a good way to reconnect classmates to each other and to former faculty. Often enough to start building relationships with each other, even if not everyone can make every event, but not so often that people get sick of each other.
- We decided that these would not be formal alumni association meetings, but social events in which the members of the council could talk about the association and its goals organically in conversation.
- Dave recommended Tony Peh's (MVS '87) restaurant, Adam's Rib, as a potential site for a gathering.
- Marcus volunteered to call Tony Peh and ask if we can use the restaurant for the alumni gathering. We decided on the date of Friday, February 18th starting at 7pm. Jill said that the school would cover food costs for the party.
- Jill volunteered to send out an email to all alums to let them know about the 18th gathering, as well as a postcard to all Dayton/Cincy/Columbus alumni. She will divide the local alums up by generation and provide their contact info to the alumni council members to contact personally and invite to the gathering.
- Jill shared some school news, that a candidate for director of development will visit campus Monday afternoon, the 23rd. She invited any council members to reserve some time that afternoon to speak with the candidate – she'll email an exact time later.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 5:00pm, Location TBA