

Miami Valley School Alumni Association

**Alumni Council Meeting
June 13, 2006
5:00 PM**

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| I. | Call to Order/Approval of Minutes | Dave Montgomery
Matt Arnovitz |
| II. | Welcome Guests/New Members | Matt Arnovitz
Dave Montgomery |
| III. | Alumni Directory – Update on Status/Options | Jill Hanning |
| VI. | Alumni Council Social Events | All |
| | Party for Tom Brereton (Recap) | Jill Hanning/All |
| | Summer Social Event | All |
| V. | Recruitment of New Alumni Council Members | All |
| | Election of Officers – When? | |
| VI. | Homecoming 2006 | Jill Hanning |
| | Assoc. Goals/ Preparation | All |
| | Distinguished Alumni Awards | Jill Hanning |
| VII. | Alumni Book Award- 2006 (Recap) | Jill and Anne Carpenter |
| | Feedback/Suggestions for 2007 | Dave/Jill |
| VIII. | MVS Update | Jill Hanning |
| IX. | Goals for Next Meeting / Set Meeting Date | All |
| X. | Other Business | All |

Adjourn

Next Alumni Council Meeting:

To Be Determined

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Present: Anne Carpenter, Heidi Freeman, Jon Freeman, Dori Handel, Jill Hanning, Dave Montgomery

-- The meeting was called to order and Dave led the vote to approve the last meeting's minutes. They were approved.

Social events:

-- We discussed Tom Brereton's party on Friday and shared that we all had fun and received positive feedback from the alums who attended.

-- We talked about the summer alumni & families BBQ to be held on campus. The proposed dates for the picnic and evening-before-cocktails are Friday night/Saturday early evening **July 21/22**. ***Please respond as to whether or not this date will work for all of you.** We discussed a time frame of 7:30-9:30 for the cocktails on Friday night (to be held at Therapy Café, or some other location) and a time frame of 5:00-8:00 for the family picnic on Saturday.

--Fudruckers has agreed to provide hamburgers and hotdogs for the event, and Tina Lofino has offered to give us a gift certificate to Cub foods that we can use to buy chips, soda, ice, etc. Dave is in charge of the keg.

--Jill will check with Mario Carillo (soccer coach) about organizing some soccer/softball games at the picnic.

--Dori suggested we ask Kretzler to parachute onto the soccer fields.

--Jill will send out postcards and emails to invite alums and faculty to the picnic. She'll send updated contact lists so that the council can make personal phone calls, as we've done with success for other events.

-- Jill shared that Pete Benedict (the new headmaster) is planning to host a meet and greet for the council at the end of summer, date: TBD

Homecoming (October 6/7):

--Plans in place for Homecoming include: having lower school students write cards to reunion year alums inviting them to Homecoming, inviting alums to attend classes with upper school students on Friday morning, inviting current students to the distinguished alumni awards ceremony on Friday evening, hosting an afterparty on Friday at El Meson where new headmaster Pete Benedict would have a chance to meet alumni, having the wireless laptop set up at the entrance to the soccer fields during the games on Saturday, handing out lapel pins for alums to wear, hanging a banner that reads "Welcome MVS Alumni" on the big tent, and organizing an all-alumni photo for Saturday afternoon.

Alumni directory:

-- Jill shared that this summer the dev. office's administrative assistant was up for the task of mining the database. She will work with Jill on making contact with alums and alum parents to gather current information on contact info, business profiles, education histories, and family/biographical info. Once all alums have been contacted, we can work on turning the database info into a PDF file to mail out, or make it available in CD form.

-- Dave recommended that we put a deadline of Dec. 31 on the project, to allow time for completion and include the info that is updated at Homecoming.

Book award:

--We discussed the reaction to the outstanding teacher book award presented to upper school history teacher Glenn Squiers at academic awards evening. While he received a standing ovation and many people commented that they liked the idea of the award, some were uncomfortable with the selection process, saying they didn't want it to be a popularity contest. We discussed the fact that many who were worried about the award may have not been pleased with the outcome of the voting. We agreed that we should not let personality issues alter the construction of the award. We discussed the possibility of having more than one award, one for middle and lower school as well, or having more people vote than just the senior class. Perhaps reunion years of alumni could lend some perspective to the decision and include great MVS teachers who are now retired.

-- Ultimately, nothing was decided but we agreed that we will revisit this issue in six months or so, well before next year's award comes up.

Updates/Goals for Next meeting:

-- the council will draft a schedule of events for the entire 06-07 school year.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 11th, 5:00pm, Café Boulevard