

Meeting Minutes 4/1/2008 1:30 PM

Leadership Wyoming Alumni Committee
Meeting Minutes for Conference Call
Taken by Melinda Brazzale, Secretary

In attendance: Wanda Burget, Pam Walker, Melinda Brazzale, Stacey Caesar, Even Brande, Bill Schilling (for part of meeting), Clarke Turner

Not present: Shelby Carlson, Chris Jones (Lisa Skiles, resigned, see below)

Approval of last meeting's minutes: Wanda moved, Stacey seconded. Unanimously passed.

Approval of Financials: No vote because we don't have copies of financials. Brandy Patton told Pam that we were at about \$8,800 and 160 members. No costs from Brandy on different recruitment activities.

Bill talked about the Community Leadership Association workshop in Denver, April 25-26. Grant from Interstate Bank, registration and rooms for Community Leadership Association for 6 registrations to give to interested people. Pam will go (later in the call Clarke also said yes). All day Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26. Concludes on 10 a.m. on Sunday. Big speakers. Want alumni committee members or advisory board members. Bill will send out a notice to both groups. Pam will communicate with Chris and Shelby today and ask if they're interested.

Replacement for Lisa who has resigned. Pam will ask Brandy to send out an e-mail to that region asking for interested people. Then, she'll hold a vote by mail from that region. Lisa's resignation e-mail text follows (dated 3/25/08):

Dear All:

With deep and genuine regret I am writing today to resign from the Leadership Wyoming Alumni Board. Simply stated, the demands of my new law practice and range of activities have intensified to the point that presently I can no longer meet the expectations I have for myself in service.

My time with the Board has been gratifying, and it has been wonderful to connect with so many spirited volunteers. As with each of you, Leadership Wyoming occupies a special place in my heart, so please call me if I can assist with a onetime event or other type of activity

Finally, Pam, it is especially difficult to depart because you are such a caring, committed leader. It has been extraordinary to work with each of you, to gain a fuller sense of your vision for the future of LW, and to watch good hearted people make amazing progress.

I recommend that you ask Dave Hanks to fill my term, as he is an exceptional SW Wyoming Leadership Wyoming Alum. I wish the LW alumni and each of you continued success! Please stay in touch.

Cordially, Lisa Skiles Parady

Future conference call dates: July 8, 1:30 p.m.; August 5, October 7, December 2 (these dates are corrected from the minutes taken on 2/27/08).

Recruitment events

Wanda: They had 2 recruits show up. Nine people total. Lots of people are talking to individuals.

Stacey: Had cocktail party at a home. Handful of alums and handful of recruits. Three are applying for sure. Big Piney applicant attended and he probably will apply.

Even: There was a recruitment affair in Laramie but he couldn't attend. Good attendance. Not sure who is applying in Laramie.

Committee Reports

Challenge Institute update: Even said that David Nightingale is moving to Houston and he is not sure if David will still participate. Even said that they've had one conference call so far on the Institute. They have a number of ideas but need to firm them up. Wendy Curran reserved rooms so that's taken care of. Some ideas include visiting the wind farm in Arlington, session on beetle kill, Tim Stamp with coal gasification, cloud seeding project, a social activity at Old Baldy (David is the key to Old Baldy), program sessions will be at community center in Saratoga, InnerWork, have class members share how InnerWork affects their work habits, Encampment Museum, ghost towns surrounding Encampment. Even asked for more people to be involved. Pam said that Wendy Curran is interested in helping. Even was given additional names of people to call to help him. He will pursue.

Homecoming: Lisa was in charge of this. Pam volunteered that Clark and Pam will do Homecoming.

Graduation: Clark said that his entire class will be there. They're trying to get a special place to meet. They will just show up for presentations. Wanda will try to be there. Holly Turner and Pam will be there. Pam will hand out the brochure and the pins.

Term Limits

The committee agreed with what was printed in today's agenda which was:

Central Region: Clarke Turner, 2010

North Central Region: Shelby Carlson, 2010

Northeast Region: Wanda Burgett, 2010

Northwest Region: Stacey Caesar, 2009

Southeast Region: Melinda Brazzale, 2008

Southwest Region: vacant (Lisa Skiles resigned)

At-Large: Chris Jones, 2008

At-Large: Pam Walker, 2009

At-Large: Even Brande, 2010

Website:

Brandy is still working on it.

By-Laws

Pam used Leadership Wyoming by-laws and massaged them to fit alumni. Everyone thanked her for completing this first step. Bill Schilling and a lawyer friend of Pam's will look at them. She asked that we all look at them. We went through them and made comments. Pam will incorporate and reissue.

Other business

Dues – Clarke asked what do we get for dues? Will the explanation be on website? Could Brandy send out info on this? They pay for directory, newsletter, recruitment activities, part of Challenge Institute, Homecoming. Stacey said that she had

sent out a letter with the dues statement outlining what they pay for. She will re-send to the alumni committee. (see end of these minutes)

Meetings of alums in areas: Clarke wondered how other areas were meeting. Pam said that Casper area had met quarterly in their areas. There is a question on what format. He'll pursue for his area.

Action Items

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Pam	4/1/2008	Communicate with Clarke, Chris and Shelby for Leadership Conference in Denver
All alumni comm	4/1/2008	Look for other potential attendees for Denver Leadership Conference
Brandy	4/15/2008	Send out e-mail to Lisa Skile's region to see who could replace her
Bill Schilling	4/11/08	Input to Pam on draft by-laws
Pam	4/11/08	Costs for recruitment events past
Pam	Graduation	Hand out alumni brochure and pins
Pam	5/1/08	Website -- talk to Brandy
Pam	next meet	Finalize by-laws
Pam and Clarke	next meet	Organize Homecoming

Letter from Stacey Caesar regarding dues
January 2008

Dear Leadership Wyoming Alums –

We hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season and are gearing up for 2008! Enclosed you will find your 2008 alumni dues invoice. If you have not been active in the alumni program in the past, we would like you to consider supporting this program and its associated activities. The funds raised from your dues support important projects such as the development and distribution of the annual yearbook and directory; the annual Homecoming Tailgate get-together; the Leadership Challenge Institute; recruitment gatherings; and the printing and distribution of the quarterly newsletters. Also, don't forget that active alumni receive a \$25 discount on registration fees at the Leadership Challenge Institute. As you can see, your \$50 goes a long way in ensuring your connectivity as an alum. If you would like, you can also support the Leadership Wyoming Scholarship fund by adding an additional amount to your check. This fund supports two to four students each year.

Our committee has already begun to plan for a very exciting 2008. We are currently planning Recruitment Get-Togethers in several communities, an exciting Challenge Institute in Saratoga, and a Homecoming Tailgate party. As further information is released, I hope that you will mark your calendars for these exciting events. We will also keep you posted on the new Leadership Wyoming/Alumni website and the initial planning of a Ten Year Anniversary Celebration in 2010! And don't forget, we always welcome your input.

On behalf of the alumni committee, I would like to thank you for your continued support and commitment to Leadership Wyoming and we look forward to seeing you all in the near future!
With Warm Regards,

Stacey Caesar

Alumni Committee Treasurer
Class of 2006

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