

Meeting Minutes for Conference Call 7/8/2008 1:35 PM

Leadership Wyoming Alumni Committee
Taken by Melinda Brazzale, Secretary

In attendance: Melinda Brazzale, Stacey Caesar, Bonnie Cannon, Shelby Carlson, Clarke Turner
(for part of call), Pam Walker, Brandy Patton and Bill Schilling
Not in attendance: Even Brande, Chris Jones (excused)

Welcome to Bonnie Cannon. Bonnie's term ends 2008. She can serve another term. Bonnie is a newly graduated LW alumni. Welcome!

Approval of last meeting's minutes: Clarke made motion to approve, Shelby seconded.
Correction from Melinda: Shelby's term ends 2009, not 2010. **Minutes approved unanimously with correction.**

Updated Terms

Central Region: Clarke Turner, 2010
North Central Region: Shelby Carlson, 2009
Northeast Region: Wanda Burgett, 2010
Northwest Region: Stacey Caesar, 2009
Southeast Region: Melinda Brazzale, 2008
Southwest Region: Bonnie Cannon, 2008
At-Large: Chris Jones, 2008
At-Large: Pam Walker, 2009
At-Large: Even Brande, 2010

Financials: We have \$10,380 in our account. Directories are our main expense (\$2,721.00).
Two more newsletters will be printed this year. Brandy suggested setting aside about \$500 for the two newsletters. The Challenge Institute usually breaks even. We have \$150 that is designated for scholarships. Therefore, we have about \$5,000 to spend. **Shelley moved to accept the financials. Clarke seconded. Financials unanimously passed.**

Homecoming. Clarke and Pam have not gotten together yet, but will. Pam has talked to the tent person and we can get the same size as last year. However, Pam would like to spend more (\$1,000 approximately) on the tent (try to find sponsors). Also, spend \$500 for food. She would like a tent big enough for the entire party because of the bad weather. Largest tent they have may fit 100-150 people plus food. Typical attendance has been 45 people (year before last we had 30 alumni and families for a total of 70). Discussion about weather... of course it varies. Makes sense to have a large tent. Last year we did not charge an entrance fee because we had the income. Pam would like to do that again (no charge). If an individual is a paid alumni, get in free; if not paid, a small charge. **Homecoming is October 11.** Even's band will play again. Beer from Mulligan's. We're thinking about a catered bar-b-que. Clarke and Pam will report in August meeting about details. How do we increase the number of alumni coming? Bill said Leadership Montana, at their homecoming, do an issue/speaker type program in the morning of their homecoming event. This would conflict with the parade. If we're at UW, could we meet with someone from the university as an additional enticement? Maybe we could invite some professors and administrators who have participated in LW class sessions during the tent activities. E-mail suggestions to Clarke. **Shelby moved to set aside \$1,500 for the tent and**

food. Bonnie seconded. Unanimously passed.

Challenge Institute. Even is not on this phone conference and he is in charge, so there was little discussion. Pam will have him forward the info to us. As of now we have 12 checks for \$100 each. Brandy said that post cards will be going out tomorrow and we should all receive them by week's end.

By-laws. Pam will incorporate remarks from Advisory Committee and from Chris Jones and any others who send them to Pam for consideration and have them ready for next meeting.

Advisory Committee Meeting Update. Bill said that the committee met at graduation. Scholarships were awarded. "We're on track. Grant receipts exceeded what we budgeted." The conference in Denver was good (Pam was there).

Other Business.

Scholarships (for potential class members). We can build up an endowment (wait until we get to a certain point), so earnings can go to scholarships. Or we could set aside money each year. Money now comes from corporations and general operating budget of Leadership Wyoming. Bill suggested that the idea of scholarships from the Alumni budget is a noble and a timely one -- it helps assure the diversity of membership in classes (some people, especially from non-profits, have little money for LW). Previously the philosophy of Leadership Wyoming regarding scholarships has been to award up to 50% of fee. The participants must also pay part. There is currently a separate form that individuals have to complete for scholarships. The LW Selection Committee has discussions with applicants. Not everyone receives money just because they ask for it. The Selection Committee tries to make it as accommodating as possible. In Casper the Rotary Club has scholarships allocated for 3 years (\$1,250 each year for 3 years). Others might be approached to do this, too. We'll put scholarships on agenda for August 5 at 1:30 p.m. Pam didn't want to commit any money without the incoming president (Even) on the call.

Website. Brandy said that they're going with a national design company. UW has fallen through. Jared Kail (Class of 2005) is also assisting. Leadership Wyoming should have a website open by September 1 for Leadership Wyoming and a portion of that site will be for the Alumni Association. They're working on a directory now. Pam asked what the cost will be annually to the Alumni Association. Brandy said that this year it is zero. She suggested that we set aside \$500 per year for future. They may or may not need it.

Next meetings: August 5, October 7, December 2. All at 1:30 p.m.

Adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Action Items

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Clarke and Pam	8/5/08	Report on details of homecoming
All committee	7/22/08	Send e-mail suggestions to Clarke regarding homecoming suggestions and how to get more alumni to attend
Even	7/22/08	Send more Institute details to all committee members
Pam	8/5/08	Incorporate remarks from Chris and Bill into draft by-laws
All committee	7/22/08	Send remarks to Pam with any additions/changes to draft by-laws

Pam

8/5/08

Put scholarships on agenda for 8/5/08 meeting