

Meeting Minutes for Leadership Wyoming Alumni Meeting

9/26/2008 -- Challenge Institute, Saratoga, Wyoming

Board members in attendance: Pam Walker, Melinda Brazzale, Chris Jones, Wanda Burget, Clarke Turner, Bonnie Cannon

Board members not in attendance: Even Brande, Stacey Caesar, Shelby Carlson

Chairman Pam Walker opened meeting at 7:45 a.m. People made introductions, discussion of nicknames of various classes which included "low class," "high class" -- folks expressed that always saying "the best class of (year)" needed to change. All was said in jest.

Minutes from August 5, 2008 meeting: **Passed unanimously by board members.**

Financials: Brandy Patton presented the most current copy. Melinda thanked Brandy for her work on these and that she always was so quickly to update the alumni board before each meeting. **Passed unanimously by board members.**

Committee Reports

2008 Challenge Institute: Diane Noton gave a re-cap of this Institute. She thanked Even Brande for doing a lot of the work, and expressed regret that he couldn't attend the Institute due to family obligations. Turnout seems to be in the high 50s. She introduced the committee and we thanked them.

2009 Challenge Institute: It was proposed by the group that next year's Institute would be in the northeast corner of the state as it's a "region in transition." Wanda Burget agreed that alums in that corner could do a good job on it. Pam asked that if any other alumni were interested in submitting a request, that they could do so to Even Brande. **The Alumni Board will make the final decision.**

Homecoming: Clarke discussed the tailgate party scheduled for UW Homecoming on Oct. 13. The Alumni Association's event will be a tent with a full barbecue for an advance purchase cost of \$5 per alumni and family member, \$10 for non alumni members and \$12 for everyone at the door. Weather Guy Chris Jones would not promise good weather (we hear that it was sunny but cold).

Discussion of how to get more alumni involved in the alumni committee. No consensus; however, it was agreed that all of us present should "talk it up," and that more communication would help.

General Policies: Pam presented the proposed general policies for the alumni committee and explained the process that the board has gone through to develop these. We discussed again that the alumni group is a committee of Leadership Wyoming, not a separate association, and that the general policies reflect this. Alumni members were asked to provide feedback to Pam prior to the November meeting with the Advisory Board.

Nomination of officers for Alumni Board: Slate was presented that included

Proposed new committee members:

- Bonnie Cannon '08/Southwest, term expires 2011 (she's been on the board for a year, completing an unexpired term);
- Billie Addleman '08/Southeast, term expires 2011;
- Mark Kinner '05/At large (appointed by the Leadership Wyoming Advisory Board), term expired 2011.

Current LW Alumni Committee members, 2008-2009:

- Shelby Carlson, '07/North Central, term expires 2009;
- Stacey Caesar '06/Northwest, term expires 2009;
- Pam Walker '01/At large (appointed by Leadership Wyoming Advisory Board), term expires 2009;
- Even Brande '04/At Large (appointed by Leadership Wyoming Advisory Board), term expires 2010;
- Wanda Burget '05/Northeast, term expires 2010;
- Clarke Turner '07/Central, term expires 2010.

Leadership Wyoming Alumni Committee Slate of Officers for 2008-2009

- Chair: Even Brande
- Vice Chair: Wanda Burget
- Secretary: Stacey Caesar
- Treasurer: Bonnie Cannon

These members and slate of officers were approved and passed unanimously. Starting November 1, 2008, this new slate of officers begins their terms.

10th Year Celebration: Bill Schilling discussed that it is a year and a half away. He encourages anyone who is interested to participate -- tell Bill if you're interested.

Various possibilities for format could be:

- 1) Issue oriented
- 2) Sharing stories -- i.e. how Inner Work has changed you.

Other questions posed: Is it just for LW members (including sponsors, panelists, alumni, broad communities?) Fundraising help needed.

Other

Bill Schilling talked about a couple of other things.

- 1) Leadership Wyoming Alumni Association work is beginning to take up too much of Brandy's time and the Alumni Association may need to pay a portion of her expenses down the road.
- 2) Community Leaders of America meeting/training in Denver this year. There were six reps from Leadership Wyoming and four from Leadership Montana. It was a good training. Clarke and Pam attended. Bill had gotten a grant to cover expenses.
- 3) Members from Leadership Wyoming and Leadership Montana met in Sheridan recently. The event was facilitated by Margaret Benson and the goal was to talk about common challenges, concerns. Melinda Brazzale, Clarke Turner, Wanda Burget, Even Brande, Bonnie Carlson and Billie Addleman were in attendance. The hope is that every two years reps from both groups can get together and do this again. Next time would be in Montana.

Pam recognized Brandy for her assistance with the board over the past year and thanked the outgoing board for their work. She expressed that the alumni committee will be in good hands with the incoming board.

Adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Next quarterly meeting: to be decided by incoming board

Action Items

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Even Brande	11/1/08	New board takes over

Alumni	11/1/08	Tell Bill Schilling if you're interested in helping with 10-year celebration
Incoming Board	11/1/08	Set next Alumni Committee Board meeting Agenda Item: Set meeting dates; vote on Gillette as the location for 2009 Challenge Institute