

Archbishop Ryan Marching Band Alumni Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 13, 2007

Officer/Board Member Attendance

Brian Agger
Bob O'Brien
Beth Finnegan

Chris Kilian
Dan Wierzbicki
Toni Nespola

Officer Reports:

Vice President:

- Nothing to report.

Secretary:

- Will work to get Solicitation Letter for Beef n Beer done ASAP.

Financial:

- \$65 increase to account, \$10 from DVD sale, and \$55 from Basketball money.

President/Old Business:

- Hall of Fame Plaque – Should arrive on Tuesday 11/20/2007.
- Message Board – Is up and running, strict adherence should be given to guidelines for the message boards. The boards are easily accessible by the members of the band and negative remarks should not be posted. That is not the purpose of the message boards.
- Logo – Chris has someone that he is going ask to try and work on it.
- Fundraiser – Brian has new idea, would like to cover under New Business.
- Solicitation Letter – Beth is working on it.
- Email Service – 50% of people of emails don't get opened
 - 4 people unsubscribed.
 - Applebee's email got 30 clicks.

- Newsletter – Would like to put a template together, something with the logo
 - Dan sending a right up about Marching Band season to Beth for inclusion in the Newsletter.
- Spreadsheet with Contact Info – Beth is going to send to Dan, so Dan can add section and year of graduation.

Chairheads:

Chris

- New website should be ready for review Thanksgiving weekend.

Annette

- Divided Highway will not be playing next years Beef n Beer.
- Joe Narodowski – DJ
- Have we gotten any feedback about upcoming Applebee’s Fundraiser? Dan said he has received positive feedback.
- Should check from Applebee’s be sent to anyone’s Attention? Should be sent to Dan’s attention via the ARMBAA mailbox.
- Would we be interested in doing a Fundraiser like this again? Answer was yes, perhaps at a different restaurant. Maybe try and book for May 2008.
- Money due for Beef N Beer 2 weeks prior to the event (Annette is going to double check on this.)
- Going to start pushing the Beef N Beer in January.
- All info out by 2nd week in February.
- Info for Beef N Beer is going into parish bulletins.

New Business:

- Basketball, the question was put forth whether or not to but Sunday Basketball on our website. Every Sunday 6pm, except when Alumni Band is on hiatus, then 4pm, \$5 per player.
- Dan would like to make an effort to contact alumni pre-1980, Dan has info just needs to have someone volunteer to take the ball and hit the ground running.

- Honorary Membership – When nominating individuals as to be an Honorary Member of the Alumni Association, the voting members should hold the individuals to a high standard.
- Dan put forth nominees 3 to the group:
 - o Terry Adair was unanimously voted into the ARMBAA as its first Honorary Member, and the 2 others are pending approval.
 - o Beth will type & send a letter to Terry informing her.
- Brian found a website devoted to grants for music programs, it list private, federal regional grants. Terry was able to secure a grant for the indoor guard. This is something that we should pursue in the future.
 - o If anyone knows of someone that has a background in dealing with grants please let us know.
- Right now we are just a Marching Band Alumni Association, do we want to move towards being a Music Department Alumni Association?
- This would be a huge undertaking and we are still working on getting the Marching Band Alumni Association set up. It was decided that we are still in our infancy stages as an Association and not ready for this.
- Brian asked Dan & Chris to come up with a Wishlist of items that they would like for the Marching Band. The top items were Marching Brass, poles & weapons for the guard, and new mallets for the pit.
- Brian would like to give something tangible to the Marching Band. Uniforms were suggested. Beth suggested that this be the Platform for our fundraising efforts, particularly the Beef N Beer. The officers will work more in detail to put together a proposed budget for fundraising.

Next meeting: Tuesday December 11, 2007 , 7pm