

Missouri Alumni Association Business Meeting- July 19, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 4:20PM by MAA President Dawn Young. Those in attendance included:

Dawn Young	Rachael Schaeffer
Jennifer Duchek	Michael Duchek
Krista Young	Diane Sager
Mike Sager	Ann Parks
Sherry James	Shirley Scarbrough
Mona Kalayel	Thao Nguyen
Bella Hafezi	Duy Bui
Jennifer Dotson	Rachel Dickensheets

Old Business:

Minutes from the March 1st meeting and a treasury report were distributed. Mike Sager moved to approve the minutes with Diane Sager seconding. The minutes were approved. The treasury report was distributed for review. The balance in the treasury was \$3493.55.

Shirley informed everyone that \$346.50 was raised from the key chain/luggage tag sales at the International Convention. We had 30 key chains and 60 luggage tags left in our supply. Shirley reported that there was quite a bit of imitation by other chapters selling in the marketplace. We discussed exploring some other items that we could sell that were more unique. The MAA Executive Committee talked about maybe looking into a set of pins that we could sell as a package deal. (Example: 4 pins, one with each of the different hallmarks) The idea is to focus on something cute for these pins, such as teddy bear with a saying printed on it, yet it should be unusual and something that no one else is selling. There was one chapter in the marketplace that was selling earrings. These are the types of ideas that we hope to market in the future. Krista Young offered to research pin vendors on the Internet. One new idea introduced was flags that could be hung outside. Krista is researching this also. There will be shipping costs with just about anything we come up with, and everyone agreed that we need to take that into consideration before deciding on any products that we want to sell.

Use of MAA funds and how much of it goes to the region was again discussed. The main focus was the funds raised by the college fair, sponsored by the alumni. First, we looked at the money that has already been allotted for the region. There are three Leaders of Promise scholarships that are being awarded this school year. At each of the three regional conventions throughout the year, a Good as Gold Award of \$100 will be awarded to a chapter. Where the rest of the money goes is still being decided.

In years past, former Xi Lambda advisor Laurie McManus organized the college fair. After that, regional officers didn't organize it. Shirley Scarbrough has done it in the past. Mike Sager has done it in the past. Even though the ball was being dropped and alumni had to step in to assist, there were some advisors that didn't like the alumni arranging the college fair. Also, by charging more money for schools to come to the college fair, the extra money was used to sponsor social events. Many MAA members feel that we should be able to keep the money we take in and distribute it to the region as needed rather than handing over a lump sum to the region. There is a feeling that the active membership will never know about the financial contributions made by the MAA. Rather than constantly re-negotiating a deal with the region, we need to come to a final agreement that will be put in writing. Dawn presented Rose Schulte's idea of asking the advisors for their thoughts on how much they think that the MAA should contribute as well as how they would like to see the money used. This will be discussed again at the next MAA meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Sager reminded everyone about Oktoberfest. The date this year is October 4th.

With no further business, Diane Sager motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sherry James, Jennifer Dotson, and Mike Duchek all seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20PM.

Submitted by:
Jennifer Duchek

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