

**Missouri Alumni Association
Business Meeting
Honors Conference
Trout Lodge
13 Nov 2004**

Attendees: Lauren Kennedy (President), Shirley Scarbrough (Facilitator), Krista Young, Diane Sager, Mike Sager, Bella Hafezi, Kevin Dixon, Chriss Nold, Maurice Riddle, Elisa Lindsey, Susan Parker, Sara Safari, Claire Sager (guest).

Lauren called the meeting to order at 1300.

Regional Convention 2005 – The date has not been set yet and could either be the last weekend of February or the first weekend of March. Many alumni have indicated they will not be able to make a March date, so we may have reduced numbers in attendance. No hotel has been set yet, and the conference may be held in the St Charles area.

Regional Service Project for Alumni – A “Traveling Little PeTey” will be going from chapter to chapter, with a journal of activities being kept while at each chapter. Chapters should document honors topic activities and involve Little PeTey as part of pop culture. Little PeTey and his journal would then be handed off to the next chapter.

Questions that have not been addressed yet: What order will chapters be in line to get PeTey? How long will they each have him and the journal?

Consensus is to start now, and have it done in time to be recognized at Regional 2006

MAA web page – Domain name prices researched, but not paid for yet. Page is not yet up and running.

Oktoberfest – We had a smaller group than usual, only 8, but excellent weather for the weekend.

Trust fund – Mike reported that Kemper is one company he’s looked into, and they can set up a variety of terms. At \$10,000, the annual disbursement would be \$500-1,000. We could also change the information, or have the option at renewal to donate additional monies in general or to go to a specific fund.

Barb Johnson Memorials – A suggestion was made to change the name of one scholarship to the “Barb Johnson Good as Gold” Scholarship. Kevin Dixon is involved in a prairie/wetlands restoration project with an interpretive walk. We could also plant a cypress tree along the walk, with a dedication plaque. After discussion, Krista moved that we rename the scholarship, Diane seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Fundraisers – Socks w/the ΦΘΚ emblem on the side sold very well at Int'l Convention, going for \$6/pair, and 2pr/\$10 on the last day. Shirley has one quote for \$500 for 36 pair of socks. Susan has a friend in promotional work and can check with her for additional quotes and information. If we wanted to sell luggage tags again, there would not be a set up fee since they already have the logo from our previous order. Canvas tote bags were also discussed as an option for a future fundraiser, and we looked at the specs for several types.

We have left some zipper pulls, key chains, and about 12 pens – no luggage tags left.

Leaders of Promise Scholarship – We need to develop a skit for the meeting tomorrow to promote it. Several volunteered to come up with something between now and the meeting. We need to have more applicants in the future.

Future Receptions – All agreed we should bring back the wine and cheese receptions that used to be held for alumni and advisors at the next Regional convention. Mike volunteered to bring a case of Missouri wine.

Meeting was adjourned at 1340.

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