

CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES – November 14, 2010, 7:00 pm
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS CAMPS

Opening by Chad Swenson, Association President

Attending: Chad Swenson, Chris Soper, Bob Rezac, Ryan Foley, Neil Litton, Warren Tobin, and Brad Olson

Actions Taken:

1. Neil Litton made a motion seconded by Ryan Foley to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes with the correction - *Motion by Neil Litton and seconded by Chris Soper to reimburse Matt/Jodi Saari for expenses occurred for the Spring Gathering for the amount of 104.69. Motion passed.* Motion to approve correction of the minutes passed
2. Motion by Brad Olson and seconded by Warren Tobin to reimburse Chris Soper for the amount of \$29.23 for mailing of the Auroras. Motion passed.
3. Motion by Ryan Foley and seconded by Neil Litton to reimburse Chad Swenson \$168 for 2 funeral flower arrangements. Motion passed.
4. Motion for adjournment by Neil Litton and seconded by Chris Soper

Reports & Discussion:

1. President, Chad Swenson remarked how well the past 2 Fargo Socials have been with 23 people attending and even a few out of town people stopping by. There has not been much correspondence lately, but I have a few previous membership applications that I still need to turn into Chris.
2. Council Liaison, Brad Olson announced completion of a brick courtyard on the north side of the Dining Hall, the Pahin Observatory next to the Nature Center, and additional work was done on the Shotgun Range. Over all it has been a good year with the Boy Scout Camp up 12%, the Webelos program up as well, however the Cub program had suffered possibly due to the Capital Centennial Campout.
3. Publication, Scott Ralston has pulled off another successful Aurora. Committee Chairmen are recommended to prepare a report to be published in the next Aurora to highlight their committee's actions and activities. Chad commented that we could always use more stories on a personal nature that will add a more human aspect to the publication. Any submissions for the Aurora need to be e-mailed to Scott prior to the January 15th deadline. Scott is very good at collecting any news or stories that you email to him.
4. Fall Fellowship, Ryan Foley reported that last month's event was successful with 60 people attending and they took care of many of the projects that were slated for the event by Andy. Friday night's campfire was a new addition to the weekend and was very positively accepted as a way for increasing the fellowship aspect of the weekend. Any ideas on the event should be forwarded to Ryan.
5. Open House/Reunion Week, Neil Litton stated that the next years Open House is July 8th and plans are similar to last years.
6. Membership Committee, Chris Soper reported he has been working on updating the staff list with this summer's information. A thank you to Brad for bringing down the binders. Chris reported that he has updated the binders and will resend them back to camp. Chris also has been seeking information on the Association's name tags making sure that they are all accounted for and are with their new officer/committee member. We are still missing a few so if everyone could double check and report back to Chris which ones are need to be re-made. Jack Golden has offered his services to re-make the nametags. 88 members are in good standings. Mailing the Aurora out to those who have not opted to get their Aurora via e-mail has a cost of \$29.23. There is \$2724.95 in our General Fund (according to last report in July). To help bolster our ranks Chris has invited the commissioner from last summer to join our Association as well as inviting all those worked at camp during the summer of 2009 but did not work 2010.
7. Staff Scholarship, Jenny Fisher – Brad reported that he has sent Jenny a list of those eligible for the scholarship. Not sure how much is in the fund or if there has been any recent donations. Chad remarked that we should be getting a \$500 donation from JCPenney during 1st half of next year.
8. History Committee, Bob Rezac reported that we are missing 2 History Trail books. Chad has the third book and is in the process of replicating it to replace the other 2. Bob suggested that we more strongly word a cover letter stating that the books need to be returned to the Black Building. Chad added that he can also add to the cover letter a note that anyone wanting a copy can download it from our website. The committee is continuing to work on update information for the History Trail Project.
9. Director, Warren Tobin - attended the Fargo Social in October
10. Chad requested that he be reimbursed for flower arrangements from Shotwell Florists for \$84 for Gene Orson's and \$84 Don Carlson's funerals for a total of \$168.

11. Fargo Dome Concession Contract, Bob Rezac made a proposal to the Association to take over the contract from his Venture Crew when it expires this winter. This would be a great way to for the Association to gain money without asking for donation. The contract requires participation in 10 events per year over 2 years. The contract requires a non-profit status so we will need to file some paperwork with IRS. The projected money raised per event can be \$100 to \$1800 based on past experience of the Venture Crew. The amount depends on the type of event and which concession stand we are given. The money would go into the Alumni Association's general fund; no decision was made for the specific usage of the funds. Bob has agreed to coordinate the recruitment of members for each event, which can be 5 to 14 depending on the concession stand and event. Events are usually known more than a month out which should be enough for us to recruit at the Fargo Social and Facebook. Discussion was made to make sure that any contract or forms filled out by the Association be reviewed and approved by Brad with the council's knowledge.
12. Other Business - none
13. Adjournment of the meeting

Next conference call Sunday, January 9th at 7:00 pm

A big thanks goes to these individuals and everyone else who helps out with the Association.

Respectfully submitted by Chad Swenson 11-14-10