

Alumnae Board Meeting

September 24, 2011

Welcome

Prayer

President's Update-

Welcome home. There is good news around campus. Library and other renovations are slated to be done in 1 week. The outside of the library has been cleaned. New grill, new café, and 4 classrooms have been and 2 fashion labs have also been redone.

The provinces have merged. Due to this it has been argued that MMC has in essence been sold, so another lengthy process has been implemented to the higher learning commission. We are still sponsored by the SSND's.

Summer camps have brought K12 students on campus. Fashion students from past camps have now enrolled in class here.

Enrollment is up in graduate and down in undergraduate. We will still see a surplus, but the effects of the economy are being felt this year.

Art Therapy has new doctoral program, the first in the country.

We received a gift from the estate of Patricia Rep of \$400,000.

MMC has had many opportunities to support peace and justice this month with the book club, documentary showings, International Day of Peace, and the Susan Retik luncheon. Thanks to all who participated.

College to University – Karen Muth

Is MMC ready to go from College to University? What are your thoughts? What questions would you like to ask the college about this change?

What might positive effect be of this change?

- Sounds more impressive
- Trend for college to become university in the last years, especially in Milw.

Due to the change in ownership, what would happen if we changed?

Eileen – We don't have to do anything structurally to become a university.

What would the cost of new signage be?

Karen-It would be a phenomenal cost, but it might allow better recruitment, higher enrollment due to visibility.

Eileen-I would agree. The question is who are we and who do we want to become. Even if we remain a college our signage needs updating.

Would there be more than 1 college?

Karen-It is not necessary.

Eileen-We don't have to do anything. But we want to make it authentic. Karen is part of this discussion, to see if there is support for this, and there is academic faculty researching what we would change.

Why didn't others change?

Karen-It may have been financial. Or they felt it wasn't the right time. More have chosen to do those than not.

Will the college have more to offer if we change?

Karen- We need to define this as part of our research. The upcoming centennial set the stage for a change.

Karen-As graduates what would a name change do for you? For your emotional connection?

College sounds better. MMC is nicer.

Rosemary-Many schools in her past have done this and these institutions have lost their foundations.

Megan-College has a strength and community here, and a university seems to have a colder connotation.

Karen-Does the word college do justice to graduate programs

Most in Meeting Say NO.

One concern is the financial commitment of this. We do have many alums who can help with this, but would this put off giving alums?

Community has a different perception of college than our internal people do. It seems smaller and lesser, however internally it is warmer and more comfortable.

Karen-Following this discussion, there will be an invitation to complete a survey.

Slate of Officers

Tiffany Butler-Midtown rep.

All in favor.

Megan Mattson-recent grad trad.

All in favor.

Maria Guilbert – Treasurer

All in favor.

Rosemary Schwantes - VP

All in favor.

Alumnae Scholarship Recipient

Katie Roell – Oldest of 5, from the UP. Went to catholic grade school and public HS. Wanted a more personal experience and the woman she shadowed in OT and her mentor was a MMC alum. There ended her search.

Prayer for guidance.

Involved in the youth encounter program, dance program to empower girls that could not afford lessons.

Break for Brunch

Treasurer's Report

Sharon-Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Association as treasurer.

\$5,000 was put on hold for the bathroom reno. We wanted to make sure we had a successful SAS.

\$15,000 was asked to be given to the new windows of the new bookstore. We did and they are in and the college greatly appreciates the contribution.

Any questions? NO

Report was shown on overhead.

SAS

Maria and Tina-

Report was shown on overhead.

Maria will now be treasurer and Tina is stepping down.

Tina-Nursing mother's room is open and updated downstairs in Gerhardinger Center. Children's art can be put up.

Student Relations

Rachel-Robing always needs assistance during commencement on the 17th on December. We have breakfast, and then we assist in getting the grads ready.

Mary-Find your Fortune is an event 2 a year the week before exams as a good luck to students.

Volunteers are always welcome. 8 volunteers are needed. December 7, Wednesday.

Alumnae Relations Report

Kathy-Madonna will always be the most prestigious award. A new recent grad award is proposed from 10 years or less. Virtus et Scientia award.

Awards will be given at a different time in an awards night, leaving reunion day to visit.

Much pushback as to why we don't just give Madonna's earlier. More deliberation needs to be made.

SSND Restructure

Vonnie-Central Pacific Province is now the new name for the restructure. Giving up the Milw. Province was difficult.

Reading from *Trust and Dare*

Alumnae Office

Sue-Christmas Shopping – First Sat. in December

All Family Christmas on the Mount – December 7

Book Club – still deciding on the book.

Alumnae Art Show –open for all alums, not just art majors.

Networking Breakfast first Thursday of every month. / Opposite that would be alum nights.

February Board Meeting, February 4

Adjourned.