

Board Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2012

Attendance:

Jorge O'Neill, Jennifer Hertig, Kenneth Bullock, Frank Torok, James Phillips, Robert Green, Bonnie Green, Joyce Hrinya, Mark Hrinya, Amanda Krenos, John Martellaro

Treasurer's Report:

Balance of \$4,071.22. Board approved proposal to reimburse Amanda for website creation costs: \$11 for purchase of domain name for one year and \$60 for hosting for one year.

Website:

Jorge and Amanda reported significant progress on designing and establishing the new chapter website. The URL is www.pennstatekc.com. Board members complimented Amanda for the impressive design. The "About Us" section will include chapter bylaws, board meeting minutes and a chapter mission statement. John volunteered to draft a mission statement for review and approval by the board. The "Membership" section may include a chapter blog and information announcements. The "Scholarship" section will include an application form and information for scholarship fund donors. The "Events" section will include a calendar of events and a photo gallery. Frank suggested we include a membership directory that would be password-protected and available to members only.

Scholarship:

The board received a letter from an Omaha resident asking to be considered for a scholarship. After some discussion, the board decided to limit scholarships to the greater Kansas City area for the time being. The board voted to grant \$750 scholarships to Megan White and Cole Block for the spring semester. The board also agreed to require formal applications and a letter of recommendation from students interested in future scholarships from the chapter. Jennifer is going to research details on how to create endowed scholarships.

Spring Dinner:

The dinner is scheduled for Friday night, April 27 at 6 p.m. at the Carriage Club on the Country Club Plaza. It will include a short business meeting. The question of whether there will be a guest speaker is still unresolved. The board will reach out to former KC Star columnist Joe Posnanski, who is currently writing a book about Coach Paterno, but he will not be available until autumn. Frank will reach out to local architect and former football player Scott Radecic. Several board members also suggested that Frank describe his experiences at Coach Paterno's memorial service and offer a toast to our late, great coach.

Nebraska Game:

We will be the host chapter for the Nov. 10 game and are sponsoring a party Friday night at Old Chicago in downtown Lincoln for all Penn Staters, featuring the Pep Band, cheerleaders, and the Nittany Lion. The newsletter will request all those interested in tickets to express non-binding interest prior to the spring dinner in order to get a preliminary count for planning purposes. As the host chapter we will get a maximum of 40 tickets; additional tickets will be based on availability. The board will discuss at the dinner how to allocate tickets if demand exceeds supply.

Service Project:

We will again volunteer at Harvesters from 1-3 on Saturday, August 18th. We will meet at noon at Gate's BBQ, 1325 E. Cleaver Blvd. for lunch.

Change in Bylaws:

The board discussed several changes in the chapter bylaws. These will be voted on at the spring dinner. Open membership to both alumni and to non-alumni with an interest in Penn State; Increase membership dues from \$10 to \$20 per year; Board will include up to 6 at-large directors in addition to officers; Officer elections will be conducted in April via email, with results announced at the dinner.

Livestrong Park:

Sporting Kansas City notified the club that soccer teams with former Penn State players will be visiting on March 25 and Aug. 26. We are considering organizing an outing for interested members.

Committee Chairs:

The following persons were appointed committee chairs: Website: Amanda; Scholarships: Jennifer; Spring dinner: Joyce and Mark; Nebraska Friday night party: Jorge; Nebraska tailgate: Bruce Sokol; Nebraska hotel: Bonnie; Service Project: Bonnie; Big 10 gatherings: Ken