

TPSI Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2009

Present:

Pat Sullivan	Carmen Casas
Kathy Solano	Karen Keegan
Michelle Widdel	Nels Kerwick

Absent:

Barb LoPiccolo	Sue Knapp
Colleen Fritz	

- I. Welcome- Pat Sullivan
- II. Treasurer's Report- unavailable at time of meeting.
 - a. Approximately the same amount as previous meeting \$13,030
- III. Website Report - Nels Kerwick
 - a. The only thing updated on the web since the last meeting was the addition of the Memory Book Information.
 - b. Apparel Order Form will be available once it is determined– Erin Boylan working on this with Carolyn Leach
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Final 2009 Theta Phi Sorority Inc. – Marjorie Dey Carter '50 Scholarship Report - Joyce Heflin
 - i. Eligibility Criteria: Available to a female junior or senior SUNY Cortland student preparing for a career as an educator by majoring in Education, Physical Education or Recreation. Candidates must have maintained a 3.0 GPA and demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities.
 - ii. Therapeutic Recreation Major, Shaileen Swan, is the 2009 recipient of the Theta Phi Sorority Inc. – Marjorie Dey Carter '50 Scholarship. The Selection Committee awarded 141 of a possible 160 points to Shaileen's application. Shaileen will receive \$ 1,000 toward her education for the Fall 2009 Semester. In addition to earning a 3.55 Cumulative GPA, Shaileen is a volunteer for the Onondaga Nation After School Program, a professional member of the American Massage Therapy Association, a New York State Licensed Massage Therapist/Spa Operations Manager, the Web Ambassador for the Recreation, Parks & Leisure studies Department and a volunteer for the SUNY Cortland Community Bike Project. From Shaileen's Scholarship Essay: "I look forward to acting as an educator upon completion of my studies at SUNY Cortland. While my direction of study is not one of a traditional educator, I believe that I have an opportunity to reach people on an individual level and teach them the benefits of recreation on a therapeutic level. I believe that Therapeutic Recreation has the capacity to provide individuals with disabilities a happy, healthy and productive life. I am anxious to be a part of this process and to learn and grow with the individuals that I will serve. I also believe that I have been a proven leader thus far in my professional life. I have operated a successful private massage therapy practice for over ten years and also served as the Spa Operations Manager at a 4-Star Resort. I believe that my passion drives my work and I look forward to building on the solid foundation that SUNY Cortland has given me and to work in a capacity that allows me to provide others the knowledge to help achieve their goals for better health and well-being."

- iii. Special thanks to Selection Committee Members: Ann Graziadei, Joyce Heflin, Pat Quinn and Gail Webster for their timely rating and ranking of the nineteen applicants for the scholarship.
 - iv. This is to wrap up the 2009 scholarship. This document can be used for an article in the newsletter. SUNY Cortland Financial Advisement was notified of our selection by email and snail mail. The recipient was notified by congratulatory letter. Each applicant not selected also received a letter of consolation via snail mail.
- b. Fundraising - Pat Sullivan
- i. Barb Ryan has graciously agreed (as the most appropriate person!) to present the endowment check to Cortland at the reunion luncheon.
 - ii. There will be a discussion on fundraising at the Saturday morning (July 18) reunion sorority meeting
- c. Newsletter- Carmen Casas
- i. There will be two newsletters from now on - one in the fall and one in March
 - ii. Information for Fall 2009 newsletter should be submitted to Carmen by August 31, 2009
- d. Nominating Committee- Kathy Solano
- i. Slate will be Carmen Casas, Michelle Widdel and Pat Sullivan
 - ii. Vote to approve the final slate to be presented for general vote will be conducted by e-mail
- e. 2009 Fall Raquette Lake- Pat Sullivan
- i. Kim Mayer has indicated that we'd be the only people scheduled at Huntington on Columbus Day weekend. Low numbers could alter that.
 - ii. Kim Mayer indicated our work project would be working on the Kirby trail from the four corners to Kirby.
 - iii. Pat Sullivan will see Kelly Davis and will discuss her already approved guest chef activity, but until Huntington's new chef is hired, that conversation will be limited
 - iv. Staff House Updates- Nels Kerwick
 - 1. Having difficulties getting the person that was scheduled to do the work so Sue Knapp and Nels Kerwick will work on finding alternate sources for the work
- f. Reunion Report- Pat Sullivan
- i. Sue Huck reports that the golf outing interest list is at about 30.
 - ii. Apparel order form is being developed and will be available
 - iii. Agenda – Kathy Solano helped with the following :
 - 1. Introduce Board members; put a name to a face for people who we only see once every five years, or not at all
 - 2. Introduce/recognize the reunion committee for their efforts
 - 3. Financial fundraising discussion: a) "local" short-term fundraising at RL for operating expenses including silent auction and 50/50 raffle, and b) discussion of whether there is a need or desire to do any long-term larger fundraising with a specific project in mind. This second option would require a committee that is represented by a cross-section of class years. For short-term purposes, Sue Knapp has indicated that approximately \$1500 covers all of our annual expenses. There should be a focus on developing a process for submitting ideas.
 - 4. Encourage people to attend fall and winter Raquette Lake weekends
 - 5. Determine if reunion will be held every X years
 - 6. Remind people of the website as a source for info, pictures, etc.
 - 7. Provide information concerning the endowment and how it happened

- iv. Meeting with Barbie Hemink and Jodi Schmeelk on June 4 to finalize reunion dinner program details
- v. Message from Norma Rhodes '53 regarding Evelyn Clark '30:
 1. "I want to let you know that we have a Theta Phi sister who turns 100 on July 15th. Evelyn Clark resides at the Elizabeth Brewster House in Homer. You may well know about this milestone already. I understand that Evelyn doesn't feel that she will make the reunion. My dear friend, Betty Hudson,'47, has spoken with Evelyn. Betty and I agree that Theta Phi will want to recognize Evelyn in some way. She has lived at Brewster House for 16 years. She is quite amazing. Her mind seems good and she continues to be actively interested in what goes on around her.

Betty and I will probably get to the reunion dinner at least. We know that you "younger folks" stay very active and we appreciate that even though we aren't very involved. If there is anything we can do here to help honor Evelyn we will be glad to do that. In the meantime, lots of luck as you continue with plans for this year's reunion."

- V. New Business- None
- VI. Announcements
 - a. Meetings: August 20, 2009 8-8:45 PM date
 - b. Scrapbook pictures- send pictures to Kathy Solano
 - c. Each Board member is encouraged to contact 10 people to attend reunion
- VII. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Widdel