

AUSTIN ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date: August 20, 2009

Place: Austin "A" Room

Time: 6:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alex Acosta, David Brown, Joan Davis, Randy Gschwind, Harvey Manjarrez, Manny Martinez, Raul Rodriguez, Beckie Soltero and Dr. John Tanner

GUESTS PRESENT: James Guye, David Rivera, Berta Roque, Martin Trujillo III, Vona Van Cleef,

MINUTES: Minutes were distributed by email after the last meeting and we did not have a majority response of approval so they were submitted at the meeting and have been approved for posting on the internet.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The July treasurers report was submitted to the board members via email and approved. The August report was submitted. The beginning balance was \$4370.76. There were deposits of \$60. This left a balance of \$368.47. The newsletter brought in \$1971.00. A quorum was not in attendance so the treasurer's report will be emailed and approval requested from the voting members.

FRESHMEN INDUCTION: The freshmen induction will be held on Monday, October 12. This is a coat and tie event.

MS. WEISER: is requesting money to help with the decorations in the new "A" room. The Outstanding Ex plaque container frame is full and we need to either make a bigger one or add a panel for new plaques. Manny will talk to Victor Armendariz about adding a panel or expanding the frame.

FOOTBALL PROGRAM: A motion was made that we again pay for a full-page ad in the football program. It was suggested that the ad this year be in honor of Chris Forbes, member of the Class of '75. It will be a full-page ad recognizing the state championship of the Socorro Baseball team. A motion was made and passed with a vote by phone from Chayo making the number of voting members a quorum.

VOLLEYBALL CONCESSIONS: The swim team will be doing the concessions for the volleyball team this year.

PANTHER PROWLER: Liability is being purchased by Mr. Blackwolf for six months. This will be reimbursed as soon as possible.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS TAILGATE: This would be used as a membership drive. They could sit on the 50 yard line and food will be delivered by student council members acting as runners. This could hopefully lead to a spring dinner dance.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Raul would like to establish a membership committee to contact people whose membership is coming due. Reminders could possibly be notified either by phone or a postcard. Begin by contacting the current members and them to begin contacting the alumni who have not paid dues or responded. An email will be sent requesting volunteers for this committee.

ALEX ACOSTA: Alex is working with UTEP in planning a cooperative program between Austin and UTEP. University College at UTEP includes a law school preparatory program which will help students take the law school admission test and to do applications for law school. A study was made and the results showed that the application by Mexican American students has not changed in 30 years. This is true even though the Mexican American population has greatly increased. The University College at UTEP is developing a program to increase the number of Mexican American applicants in law related areas of study. The Law School preparatory program will help these students become successful in applying for and preparing for college. The curriculum is ready and hopefully a program for dual credit courses will be in place for the spring semester.

OUTSTANDING EX: Homecoming is October 16th against Jefferson High School. An Outstanding Ex needs to be decided upon quickly. Raul requested that everyone submit two names from the list.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be September 17 at Austin in the "A" at 6:00.