

AUSTIN ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date: January 15, 2009

Place: Luby's

Time: 6:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lupe Becerra, David Brown, Joan Davis, Joey Fierro, Connie Hartley, Manny Martinez, Espie Rodriguez, Raul Rodriguez, Beckie Soltero,

GUESTS PRESENT: Pete and Jobie Alvarez, James Guye, David Rivera, Vona Van Cleef

MINUTES: Minutes were distributed and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report was distributed and the current balance is \$6582.81. Of this money \$1000 is reserved for chimes and \$1000 is reserved for scholarships. This scholarship will be paid next week as the paperwork has been received and check is pending. Reserved for "A" was \$247.29.

CHAPLAIN LOPEZ: Has been working with the football program since 2000. He is requesting that the Alumni Association grant him status as an "Honorary Austin Panther". Motion made and passed.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: Several people have requested information on a Lifetime Membership. Due to the fact that there was not a majority of voting members at the meeting, Joey will type up a proposal of the three tier membership options. He will send it to the members via email to be voted on.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CONCESSIONS: \$283 in profit was made for us as our share of the concessions. Lupe suggested that we continue with girls volleyball concessions one more year. However, since a new coach will be coming in they may want to run their own concessions. So it was decided to wait until we see what happens with the new coach. Becky reminded the board that the concessions are a way for us to be seen and to help out the students directly.

AUSTIN IN ACTION: Dr. Tanner would like to bring Austin in Action back and combine it with prom. He will be coming up with a proposal to ask the Alumni to assist him in making it happen. Raul will talk to Dr. Tanner and request that he address this issue at that time.

2009 GOLF TOURNAMENT: The committee needs to begin to work on the 2009 tournament at least six months in advance. We would like to see more sponsors, better goodie bags, a presentation dinner/dance, door prizes would make this a great tournament and be a Major fundraiser for us. If we keep it during homecoming, it might be a good idea to have it either the Saturday before or after the homecoming game. This way they can have all day to play and all night to party. Every member of the board should commit to getting one sponsor.

LAPEL PINS: Raul showed some examples of lapel pins or dog tags. The cost will be about \$2 each and we would sell them for \$3 or \$4 each. The students would probably buy the dog tags before buying the pins. We would be able to sell these at reunions. Harvey is working on another design. The cost is 100 for \$2.98, 200 for \$1.61, 500 for \$1.13 and 1000 for \$.91 each. The suggestion was that we discuss this at the next meeting.

NEWSLETTER: It was recommended that we update and write a new newsletter and mail out a newsletter with more recent information. Joey agreed to assist in updating the newsletter.

CHIMES: Joey volunteered to chair the chimes committee. Joey believes that he can raise the money for the chimes by December of 2009.

FUTURE TOPICS: The following topics are for considerations at a later date. Members were asked to think about each and be prepared to discuss them at future meetings.

- *Annual dinner dance
- *Reviewing and updating by-laws and core values for the association
- *Improving our commitment and attendance to the Freshman Induction
- *Setting up a membership committee
- *Newsletter committee

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be February 19th at either Austin or Luby's at 6:30. Raul will notify the board members of the place of meeting.