

AUSTIN ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date: March 26, 2009

Place: Austin "A" Room

Time: 6:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lupe Becerra, Chayo Carrasco, Joey Fierro, Randy Gschwind, Connie Hartley, Harvy Manjarrez, Manny Martinez, Raul Rodriguez, and Beckie Soltero

GUESTS PRESENT: Victor Armendariz, James Guye, Allison Jones (Austin's Military Liaison), Kenny Jones, Sylvia Manjarrez, and David Rivera

MINUTES: Minutes were distributed and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report was distributed and the current balance is \$5223.41. Of this money \$1000 is reserved for the chimes and \$247.29 is reserved for the "A" fund. There are no outstanding payments pending. The current available balance is \$3976.12. \$100 was used to built a wheelchair ramp for Mr. Robert Blackwolf

ROBERT BLACKWOLF: Randy and Raul constructed a ramp for his mobile home near Hueco Tanks as a thank you for the donation of the panther prowler. It was also suggested and agreed upon to make Mr. Blackwolf an honorary member of the Alumni Association.

ALMA MATER: Mr. Tanner inquired if AHS had an alma mater. Randy Gschwind found a copy and it will be distributed to alumni. (Maybe it can be put on the website) Dorothy Weiser is finding photos and memorabilia and will be using them to display soon.

MILITARY LIAISON: Mrs. Allison Jones is Austin's new Military Liaison. She works with the military families and helps them transition in and out of the school. Austin doubled military students this year. Now since the Senior Enlisted students are at Biggs Air Field and therefore will be coming to Austin. About 20 students have a parent who have or will deploy in the near future.

CARLOS FLORES: is our school board representative. He is running for election unopposed for a new four year term.

NEWSLETTER: The cost of printing the newsletter has increased considerably from \$800 to about \$2900. We are currently looking at a different way of doing this and possibly cutting the number of pages. The new ruling is that you can put the name of the person and or current resident and there will be no return information returned. The current mailing list now has about 13,000 names because several classes have been added. Chayo has suggested that we run the names through the NCA and checking the names and addresses so we won't have to pay for returned newsletters. We will be reducing the size of the newsletter and attempt to get a new price for mailing.

VOLLEYBALL COACH: A new volleyball coach has not yet been hired so a decision about concessions is not able to be made as of yet.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Due to financial issues it is not likely that there will be a golf tournament this year.

PEN: Victor Armendariz '63, made some custom-made pens and it was recommended that we consider giving out pens to donors for the football field lettering.

LUPE BECERRA: presented information about the upcoming FCCLA-Co-op class taught by Dorothy Weiser. They have some projects including helping students with interviewing skills and the need for speakers on the following dates; April 6th, 13th, 15th, 21st, and 23rd. The Austin Panther Junior Class is sponsoring their 2nd annual 2 Fast, 2 Low Custom Car and Bike Show to be held on April 11, 2009 at AHS. She is requesting judges and sponsors of prizes. Austin in Action will be May 16, 2009. Chaperones are needed.

RANDY GSCHWIND: informed the group that the Alumni Association is a 501C3 organization and therefore eligible to submit applications from several foundations for funding projects that may benefit AHS.

CLASS OF '63: is donating \$500 to be used as a scholastic scholarship.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: This item was tabled at this time.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be April 16, 2009 at Austin in the "A" at 6:00.