

**Notre Dame College Alumni Association  
Annual Business Meeting  
April 13, 2013  
MINUTES**

**Welcome**

At 5:30 p.m. the Cocktail Party Co-Chairs, Lisa Berzin DePaulo '85 and Joann Kuchtyn Hardy '88 welcomed everyone.

- They thanked all in attendance for embracing the change in format to a cocktail party as a way to give alumni an opportunity to come back to campus.
- Special thanks was given to the Committee, to Mary Elizabeth Cotleur, and to the students who worked to bring the event together.
- The theme for the evening is "Back to the Beginning" and invokes a 1920s feel in honor of the College's 90th anniversary.
- Everyone was encouraged to participate in purchasing raffle tickets to raise funds for the Alumni Association.

**President's Comments**

Dr. Andrew Roth, NDC President, was introduced. He thanked Fr. Mehok and welcomed everyone.

- NDC is faring well but has challenges due to the profound revolution in higher education.
- Through the changes NDC will try to remain faithful to its tradition and to the Sisters of Notre Dame.
- Outstanding faculty were mentioned along with the College's acclaim for serving students with learning differences. The educational experience continues to flourish, grow, and excel.
- There is an enrollment contradiction: NDC is awash in students but has a budget deficit because of students' inability to pay tuition.
- A \$10 million capital campaign is underway; the Development Office already has raised \$4.5 million of that—the most raised in NDC history.
- The College has had some significant donations but need alumni to help continue to raise money.
- The Institutional Policy & Planning Committee is being re-instituted to address the sky-rocketing cost of higher education, and how to provide a substantive education that doesn't bankrupt people. NDC wants to continue the mission of providing educational access to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity.

**Presentation of the Alumna of the Year Award to Mary Louise Jurkiewicz Beckstrom '87**

- Second Vice President, Mary Willoughby '96 stated the award was established in 1971 to honor alumni nominated by their peers. A comprehensive scoring system was used by the Committee to establish the winner.
- Jody Jurkiewicz Kocsis '89, who nominated Mary Louise for the award, introduced her. She noted that Mary Louise has been very involved at NDC as a student and alumna, and also volunteers outside of NDC and is very active in her parish.
- Mary Louise was very grateful to her family for their support of her NDC activities, and especially to the Sisters of Notre Dame. She also thanked the Alumni Association Boards that served with her.

### **Presentation of the Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship to Christian Raddell**

- Mary Willoughby stated the criteria used for selection and that a scoring process was used to determine the best candidate.
- An \$1,800 scholarship was awarded to Christian Raddell from VASJ High School. He will major in Business and plans to be involved with Campus Ministry and participate in intramural sports.

### **Business Meeting**

Joann Hardy introduced Tina DiBacco Jurcisin '85, President of the Alumni Association, to conduct the business meeting.

- Tina asked Christian Raddell to come forward to the podium to accept his scholarship award.
- Tina called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- Minutes from the April 14, 2012 business meeting were approved with corrections noted. (Beckstrom / Kocsis)
- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Clark Pope. The balance as of 3/14/13 was \$10,760.60. Last year the balance was \$11,400. The Treasurer's Report was approved. (Willoughby / Smith-Richardson)
- Tina presented the Year in Review
  - The Cultural Event, chaired by Clark Pope and Trish Sgro, was held at NDC in June 2012 with an outdoor Shakespeare production open to the community and alumni dinner/cocktails on the lawn attended by over 30 people.
  - Our booth at The Fest was chaired by Candy Clemson and featured the "Wheel of Saints" for the 20-30,000 attendees at Borromeo.
  - At the start of the school year the Alumni Board participated in the Welcome Weekend activities for the incoming students.
  - The fall Homecoming event raised over \$1,000 at the Clambake. There also was an Alumni Fun Run that coincided with the Football Game. Homecoming weekend was completed with Mass/Brunch on Sunday.
  - During finals week, Student Liaison Joann Hardy labeled 1,500 packs of gum with a note reading "Stick to your studies" and prepared them for distribution to students on behalf of the Alumni Association.
  - In December there was Dinner with Santa as part of the College's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration that combined a number of different on campus events into one day. No decisions have been made yet about next year's plans. Anyone interested in helping should contact Mary Elizabeth Cotleur.
  - At Lent there was a day long alumni retreat organized by Sr. Eileen Quinlan which was attended by eleven people.
  - In April the first Easter Egg Hunt was held and was attended by 100 people including 44 children. It included crafts, games, and pictures with the Easter bunny.
- Tina urged alumni to attend NDC/Alumni events and to get involved in committees. She also asked alumni to provide feedback regarding the Alumni Association Board.
- Tina stated she is proud to serve as President of the Alumni Association Board and looks forward to the year ahead and continuing to work toward improving and assisting our alma mater.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. (Dvorak / DiCillo)

Minutes submitted by Anne Bruder April 30, 2013