

Alumni Council Meeting August 5, 2018

GSC's Alumni Council met on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at the residence of Ralph and Joann Holder in Belpre, Ohio with the following members present: Dennis Carpenter, Martha Deel, Bill Deel, Gary Gillespie, Gary Wagner, Mark Downey, John Hoover, Robin Chaney, Pat Lydon, Ralph Holder, Janet Bailey, and Yvonne King.

Others in attendance for all or part of the meeting were: Dr. Pellett, Dr. Vega, David Hutchison, and Jesse Skiles.

GSC Alumni Council President Dennis Carpenter called the afternoon meeting to order and welcomed the group. Minutes of the January 27th meeting were presented and approved as written.

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PRESIDENT PELLETT'S REPORT:

- I. One Million and One Dollar was realized at the end of the fiscal year. Therefore we are "out of the hole".
- II. Bills are paid, thanks in part to the sale/refinancing of bonds.
- III. A slight enrollment gain is anticipated for the fall semester.
- IV. GSC has received a little improvement in State raises.
- V. The Conrad Motel (renamed Riverfront Residence) is looking good although there are still improvements to be made by October.
 - a. Several of GSC's students will be housed there.
- VI. Pioneer Village is in need of the "comforts of home" after 20 years.
 - a. New appliances are needed; also some renovations.

Dr. Pellett introduced Dr. Victor Vega as GSC's Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs. He is from Coastal, Georgia. Dr. Vega hopes to strengthen education and to provide new computers for faculty and the classrooms. He also anticipates a 2-5% enrollment increase and insists that we must, in the next two years, realize that funding should be raised to Five Million.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Upkeep of the Alumni House was discussed.

- I. Bill Deel will chair a committee to make recommendations for repairs and maintenance.

There is, at this point, no Alumni Director since Debra Nagy has retired.

- I. Interviews are being held for the posted position.

RESIGNATIONS

replacement for her Secretary/Treasurer position on the Alumni Council although she will continue to serve as a Council member.

- a. Robin Cheney volunteered to fill this position.

Deel/seconded by John Hoover. Motion carried.

ALUMNI HOUSE TRIBUTE

Robin Chaney recommended that we pay tribute to our Alumni House by creating a campaign for renovation and/or updates. We need to keep the house open and usable for any alumni who want to visit, especially for special occasions like Homecoming and Alumni Day.

ALUMNI SPONSORED HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

A High School Cheerleading Competition was discussed as a GSC Alumni event. Pat Lydon thought that this may attract young people and perhaps serve as a recruiting tool. There would be a refundable entry fee. Ralph Holder so moved and the motion was seconded by John Hoover. Motion carried.

ALL-CLASS REUNION

An all-class five-year reunion concept was discussed. A committee was formed to look into and plan this event with John Hoover, Chair and committee members: Robin Chaney, David Hutchison, and Gary Gillespie taking the lead on this endeavor.

HOMECOMING

The homecoming parade with Alumni Council participation was discussed. If Bob Marshall does not provide the truck and trailer, Martha offered their trailer. A committee made up of Robin Chaney, Chair; Yvonne King, Jesse Skiles, Dennis Carpenter, and John Hoover will pursue plans for alumni homecoming events on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Remaining on the scheduled events of Alumni are:

- I. Canopy high school home football games (10 - 15)

- II. GSC Alumni Tent at home football games
- III. GSC Alumni Tent at Homecoming
- IV. GSC Alumni Presence at College Basketball Tournament

Meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m. for the Holder's annual picnic, today's picnic honoring Mrs. Nagy.

Respectfully submitted

Yvonne King 8/5/2018