



Viterbo University Alumni Association

Saturday, February 8th, 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Fine Arts Center - Hospitality Suite

Members Present: Heather Ladwig, Kathy Duerwachter, Patrick Gibbons, Karen Kouba, Cari Loomis, Margaret Hammell, Joelle Kaufman, Katie Marti, Sr. Marie Kyle, Paula Skoy, Katie Rowan-Koenen, Ed Smudde, Diane Knothe, Derek Burnstad, Sandra Hoeser

Alumni Emeritus Members and Guests Present: Carolyn Hogan, Jacob Prinzen, Eric Kunick, Fr. Conrad, and Emilio Alvarez

I. Call to Order by Heather Ladwig: 8:30 a.m.

II. Prayer by Sandra Hoeser: 8:35 a.m.

III. Chair Wall of Fame Committee & Assistant Athletic Director from Eric Kunick, Assistant Athletic Director: 8:43 a.m.

A. Great changes over past seven years at Viterbo in the Athletic Program.

i. In 2004, there were seven sports. This year there are 17 sports offered which has doubled the amount of student athletes at Viterbo.

B. Student athletes graduate from Viterbo at a rate of 69%; which is encouraging when the national average is 47%.

C. Eric sees a goal that student athletes excel not just in the art of competition but in all aspects of life.

D. A million dollar project has been approved to improve Outdoor Athletic Complex to improve the water drainage system, build bathroom amenities for spectators and locker rooms for student athletes.

E. Wall of Fame Alumni Induction

i. 1992 the Wall of Fame Committee was formed to nominate and induct Viterbo Athletes into the Hall of fame.

ii. How do they choose inductees: Nominations are encouraged by alumni and members recollection of extraordinary talent. They then look to stats and character of the athlete and determine the most deserving recipients.

iii. The four 2013 inductees are Kristen House, Ben Moore, Elie (Junker) Thomas and Missy Glenna.

F. Carolyn Hogan mentioned the convenience of the live-streaming of Viterbo Athletic events. Eric informed that the live-stream has not, to his knowledge, affected the attendance at the games.

IV. Approval of November minutes motioned by Ed Smudde, seconded by Katie Marti. 9:00 a.m.

V. Alumni Board Updates



A. If you would like to be a part of choosing the Sister Celestine Alumni Children's Scholarship recipients please let Heather or Kathy know. The recipient(s) will be chosen at a meeting outside of our scheduled committee meetings on Friday, March 21, 3:00 pm.

i. This year we have \$3,700 in the scholarship fund; a record high.

B. If you have any potential board members in mind, please email them to Kathy Duerwachter. She has met with several potential candidates referred to her by the board and they have been great candidates. Kathy is still setting up meetings with your referrals

C. Alumni Children's Christmas Party was very successful this year. Thank you letter from Dr. Artman read aloud.

D. Thank you to those who volunteered at Countdown to Commencement and December Commencement.

E. April meeting has a scheduling conflict. Look for Doodle Poll in next email to vote for new meeting time.

F. Leadercast, hosted by Dahl Automotive and supported by Viterbo University, will occur on May 9th, 2014. **A discount will be offered to Viterbo Alumni; watch email for this offer.**

VII. Team Chaplain and Campus Ministry Emilio: 9:07 a.m.

A. What are Team Chaplains?

i. Team Chaplains are supportive to the individual student athletes and are similar to a mentor; someone to build a relationship with and go to if student athletes have a need or something to share. They are a resource and outlet; spiritual and emotional and support the team.

ii. This was a program started by Father Tom O'Neil. There are currently 15 Chaplains and 17 sports.

iii. Fr. Conrad and Emilio provide support to Team Chaplains. Looking to expand the current model for Team Chaplains.

B. How could members of the Alumni Board help?

i. As individuals or a group, we could donate food to Campus Ministry who would then provide it for the student athletes.

ii. If you are interested in becoming a Team Chaplain, contact Emilio or Fr. Conrad.

iii. If you have any good ideas from recruiting, please feel free to make suggestions.

C. Carolyn Hogan asked if Team Chaplains have a ride to games not hosted by Viterbo. Currently Team Chaplains have to provide their own ride but coaches are open to change.

D. Ed Smudde shared his personal experience and the benefits he felt with Fr. Tom as a Team Chaplain.

E. Kathy Duerwachter and Diane Knothe shared how they are currently involved in Team Chaplaincy and the enjoyment they get out of it.

F. Campus Ministry has recently taken over the Viterbo University Food Pantry which provides food to students, no questions asked.

i. If you feel inclined, you can drop off items in Campus Ministry.

ii. Heather suggested we bring donations to future Alumni Board Committee meetings.



VIII. Alumni Board Photo 9:30 a.m.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Speed Mock Interview

Thursday, March 18 –Fine Arts Center Lobby – 5:30 pm – 8 pm

Countdown to Commencement

Wednesday – April 2 – Fine Arts Center Lobby - 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Spring Board Meeting

Look for Doodle Poll in upcoming email