

MSU ALUMNI CLUB OF MID MICHIGAN (“Club”)
Minutes of Meeting Held April 12, 2006
At Providence Mortgage Company

Board Members Present: Ray Chase, Tom Ruis, Micki Pasteur, Steve Peckham, Jeff Hicks, Nicole Dandridge, John Black, Marcy Bishop, Peter Wujkowski, Tim Sambaer, Meritta Proctor, John Suckow, Nathan Clark (visitor) and Carole Lick (via telephone).

Board Members Excused: Pauline Johnson-West.

Board Members Absent:

President Pasteur called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Jeff Hicks to approve the March 8, 2006 minutes. The motion was seconded by John Black. Motion carried to approve the March 8, 2006 board minutes, as submitted.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Micki Pasteur indicated that the Executive Committee met with the Endowed Scholarship Committee. A couple of changes were proposed to the Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship recipients must have a 3.0 average and it will be based on financial need. MSU will give the Board names of the Top 5 candidates and the Board will prioritize the candidates. Ideas were discussed to raise funds for the endowed scholarship. The Club agreed to put \$5,000 in seed money up front and will match an additional \$5,000 in contributions. The Club did not want to approve the Endowed Scholarship until the Club had a plan in place to raise money. The Club now believes that it can raise the \$30,000 minimum within the 5 year time frame. The Executive Committee suggested to the Board that the Club move forward implementing the Endowed Scholarship with 3 changes: 1) 3.0 grade point average minimum 2) scholarship based on financial need 3) MSU must submit 5 candidates to the Board for prioritization. A **motion** was made by Jeff Hicks to implement an Endowed Scholarship Fund. The motion was seconded by Ray Chase. Motion carried to implement an Endowed Scholarship Fund. After further discussion, it was suggested that the Endowed Scholarship Committee will be responsible for implementing proposed methods for raising funds. Jeff Hicks mad a **motion** to add a friendly amendment to his prior motion so that the following events could be approved immediately: 1) Wharton Center Tickets (portion of proceeds will be earmarked for the scholarship fund) 2) MSU/UM Football game (portion of proceeds will be earmarked for the scholarship fund) and 3) Athletic Building Tours (portion of proceeds will be

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earmarked for the scholarship fund). Ray Chase seconded the friendly amendment. Amendment carried.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY’S REPORT

Newsletter –The newsletter will be sent out on April 13, 2006.

Website – www.midmichiganspartans.com is up and running. Josh will help us update it further after tax season.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer John Suckow presented the Statement(s) of Cash Flow reports. These included the Steve Smith Account and the Board Operating Account. Members had an opportunity to view the reports and ask any questions related to it.

A **motion** was made by Tim Sambaer to accept the Treasurer’s report and seconded by Tom Ruis. Motion carried to approve the March 2006 treasurer’s report, as submitted.

PROJECT UPDATES

Endowed Scholarship

See Executive Committee report.

Undergraduate Teaching Excellence

The criteria for the award has not changed since 1992 and there was some discussion about addressing the criteria. The committee will meet prior to their meeting with Dr. Banks on June 13, 2006 @ 2:00 p.m.

Textbook Scholarships

A few applications have been received. There was a typo on the application indicating a due date of April 31, 2006 instead of April 30, 2006. The next step will be to grade the applications and help will be needed. There has been no decision on a place and date for the reception.

Golf Outing

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\$17,500 has been raised in sponsorship money. The committee will meet with Walnut Hills to review “game day” set up. Additional items are needed for the silent auction such as gift certificates in an amount of at least \$25. The next golf committee meeting will be held on April 21, 2006 at Panera’s in Frandor.

Club Sporting Events

There was no March committee meeting. However, Jeff Hicks indicated that he has received samples of “mini balls” and “pucks” and some people have already purchased UM/MSU football game tickets.

Non-Sporting Events

The Club will purchase 30 Jesus Christ Superstar tickets, 30 Mama Mia tickets and 100 Wicked tickets for performances at the Wharton Center. The Wicked performances will be held on Friday July 20, 2006 and Saturday July 21, 2006. Tickets for Wicked will be priced at \$90 with \$10 going to the Endowed Scholarship Fund. There was some discussion about have a reception for the Wicked performances.

Membership Development/Outreach

Nicole Dandridge met with Keith Williams and Sandy _____ to generate some ideas on how to recruit new members. Suggestions included: pass out materials at graduation ceremonies, phone bank for lapsed members and sustain a big presence at major sporting events.

Student Assistance/Coordination

John Suckow indicated that the checks have been written and cashed.

University Assistance: Mini-Grants

Nicole Dandridge indicated that letters were mailed out on March 17, 2006 asking non-revenue sports and other programs to submit applications for mini-grants. Nicole also received an e-mail list from the MSU Department of Diversity and Cultural Affairs. Applications are due April 17, 2006.

Publicity

The Club will release a press release once the mini-grants have been distributed.

OLD BUSINESS

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800-Number – The 1-800 number is activated. **1-888-749-4MSU (4678)**. The cost is \$25 per month. The numbers to call to access voice mail is : **(734) 480-76000 and (734) 332-9038** and the password is **89091**. Steve Peckham volunteered to check the voice mail regularly for messages.

WKAR Auction – Will be held on April 27, 2006 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Communication Building on MSU’s campus. So far, 11 Board members have registered to work the auction.

NEW BUSINESS

Relay 4 Life – MSU Student Alumni Club is trying to get a group organized to participate in the Relay 4 Life – Cancer Walk-a-thon. Club members can register if interested.

Jeff Hicks presented a **motion** to adjourn. Steve Peckham seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.