

**MSU ALUMNI CLUB OF MID MICHIGAN**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held March 9th, 2005**  
**At Providence Mortgage Company**

**Board Members Present:** John Suckow, Ray Chase, Rick Emerson, Tim Sambaer, Rob Gilbreath, Tom Ruis, Micki Pasteur, Pauline Johnson-West, John Black , Jan Prybys, Merritta Proctor, Nicole Dandridge and Steve Peckham.

**Board Members Excused:** None

**Board Members Absent:** Eric Schoen and Marcy Bishop

President Emerson called meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Additions to the agenda: Strategic Planning

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A **motion** was made by Micki Pasteur to accept and seconded by Merritta Proctor. Motion carried to approve the February 9, 2005 board minutes, as submitted.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

All correspondence for the website will go through Steve Peckham. Tim Sambaer will have additional copies of the prior month's minutes available at the monthly meetings for review and approval of minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Suckow presented the Statement(s) of Cash Flow reports. These include the Steve Smith Account and the Board Operating Account. Members had an opportunity to view reports and ask any questions related to it. It was pointed out by the Treasurer, John Suckow, that 50% of the women's basketball reception expense was paid by the Fast Break Club and deposited in March. It will be reflected on the March statements.

A **motion** was made by Jan Prybys to accept the report and seconded by Ray Chase. Motion carried to approve the February treasurer's report, as submitted.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**GOLF COMMITTEE:**

Micki Pasteur and John Black presented updates. Ten people attended the subcommittee meeting. The meeting addressed the commitments that have been secured for sponsorship and auction items as well as determining what is needed for the final leg for the golf outing. MSU Federal Credit Union has committed \$1000 in sponsorship (an increase of \$500). The website has been updated with pertinent information. The

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Treasurer will look into obtaining a raffle license. A credit card machine will be available for auction items for a 2% transaction fee. Coaches and administrators that have committed to attend are John L. Smith, Ron Mason and President Lou Ann Simon. The president will speak at the dinner reception. We are making a push for registration and are working with St. Vincent Home to get golfers and publicity for the event. The tentative deadline for auction items is June 1<sup>st</sup>. The golf committee will look into getting prior year's signage from storage. The next golf committee meeting will go over volunteer efforts, day of the event agenda, and revenue enhancements. The remaining meetings for the golf committee are as follows: April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup> all at Panera's in Frandor at 7:00 am.

The next golf committee meeting will be held at Panera's 7am April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIP:**

Jan Prybys gave an update on the Textbook scholarship program. The update of the letter to the counselors and application has been completed. The letters will go out to counselors next week and will be required back on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005. LCC is the largest feeder school to MSU. It was suggested that we may want to look into possible scholarship opportunities in future years. In the next meeting we will discuss whether assistance will be needed to determine the winners of the Textbook scholarship. The subcommittee will determine prior to April's meeting whether there will be a reception for the winners. A budget of \$500 was set aside for this purpose. Dave Brown from the National Alumni office is the contact for MSU venues.

**SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE:**

The women's basketball reception was held on February 24<sup>th</sup>. There were 193 people in attendance. Five board members as well as the Fast Break board members were in attendance. The Mardi Gras party was cancelled. Only 26 tickets were sold. There was discussion regarding only planning events that had solid board interest and participation. It was brought to the attention of the correspondence secretary to make arrangements to take events off the website that are not applicable. Possible future events that had strong board interest include; Taste of MSU (sub-committee will meet to determine if spring is feasible), A tour of Spartan Stadium (post renovation) in Fall 2005, and The Lion King Production at the Wharton Center in 2006. The Dinner Train event in Mt. Pleasant this summer didn't have as much board interest due to travel, summer weekend and no MSU tie involved. A meeting will be called for sub-committee members.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:**

Micki Pasteur highlighted the Strategic Planning sub-committee's objectives for 2005. We are now able to communicate with members by e-mail as well as newsletter. We want to look into the possibility of broadening the cultural piece of the mini-grant program and will send an initial notice in March to potential participants. We want to make an effort to tie in with the goals of the national alumni group by increasing overall

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membership and developing a pool of potential board members. Strategic Planning challenged the Special Events sub-committee to get some ideas for the sesquicentennial celebration possibly participating with another University group. We will be looking at the Take Spartans to Dinner program with some modifications (6 students with an area of interest). The Strategic Planning Committee would like to set up a regular meeting day.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Student Assistance- John Suckow suggested that we finalize the student assistance program. The plan is to give Red Cross \$2500 to put in a restricted fund for MSU student assistance. They will be responsible for reporting back how the money was spent. The Alumni Board will re-evaluate the program after the first year and possibly modify the agreement. Jan Prybys made a motion to implement the plan and it was seconded by Ray Chase. Motion carried. It was further discussed that we set aside \$2500 for the MSU Food Bank until we obtain a contact and guidelines for how they assist the MSU community and if it is exclusive to student aid.

Meeting with Keith Williams- He loved the idea of the mini-grants, as well as the emergency assistance program.

National Alumni- Corresponding Secretary will report monthly as an agenda item the information necessary to stay active and in line with national alumni group.

Outstanding Teacher Award- The awards were given and the presentation was nicely done.

E-mail to members- We have an e-mail database that can be used to communicate with members. Steve Peckham will check with the webmaster to get the e-mail list on to our account. This e-mail list should remain confidential and be only used for the use of promoting and communicating with the MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan.

Proposal for monthly meet/greet meeting- It was proposed by Marcy Bishop (absent) and communicated by Nicole Dandridge that we begin our meet and greet at Maggie's every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. Fliers will be posted at Maggie's and we will advertise on our newsletter and website. Marcy has committed to being there every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday and plans to grow it slowly, possibly by involving MSU grad programs. There is a budget for some appetizers etc... A proposal must be made to the board for approval. John Suckow made a motion to authorize Marcy to schedule and organize the first meeting and it was seconded by Tim Sambaer. Motion carried.

WKAR Auction- A motion was made by John Black and seconded by John Suckow not to partner with U-M on the second shift at the WKAR auction. Motion passes. Members prefer a weekday, 1<sup>st</sup> shift. An e-mail will be sent to members when a day and time are assigned for volunteers.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Saints Rest: It was proposed that we help establish a monument for the first dormitory at MSU near Beaumont Tower. The University had already taken care of it before the board meeting.

Membership Drive: Please take membership applications and solicit memberships personally.

Sesquicentennial: Add to next month's agenda. We need a proposal for the board. Possible ideas included; enter a float, tailgate, tent of food after Sparty dedication.

Women's basketball banquet: A motion did not pass to purchase a table at this event due to the lack of time to plan, some members had already purchased seats and determining who would use the seats (with or without spouse?).

**Next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13th, 2005 at the office of Providence Mortgage Company.**

**Motion** to adjourn by Jan Prybys seconded by Tim Sambaer. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Submitted by Tim Sambaer, Recording Secretary