



**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF  
HELLENIC COLLEGE AND HOLY CROSS  
*Greek Orthodox School of Theology***

Board of Alumni Directors Meeting - Dowd Hall- 10:00am -4:30pm  
**May 14, 2007**

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**Approved- SEPTEMBER 2007**

**OPENING PRAYER** — 10:30 am- Fr. Peter Costarakis Christos Anesti.

Introductions/Attendance- Fr. Peter Costarakis (VP), Alexandra Roll, Fr. Theodore Petrides, Fr. Demetri Costarakis, Fr. Gary Kyriakou, Nick Paleologos, Fr. George Wilson, (Treasurer), Fr. George Chioris (VP)

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** — September 2006 Fr. Theodore Petrides read the Min.

Fr. Peter Costarakis motioned to make copies and distribute minutes  
Fr. George Wilson second.  
All in favor.

Copies were made and Minutes were read individually.  
Fr. Peter Costarakis moved to pass as read.  
Fr. Gary second.  
All in favor.

Comments: Fr. Theodore Petrides mentioned that maybe the minutes are too extensive.  
Nick Paleologos- felt this is necessary to have them quite detailed at this point.

2. **REMARKS**

Rev. Fr. George Chioros, Alumni Association- on behalf of Fr. Jim Gordon- welcomed everyone.

Rev. Fr. Nicholas C. Triantafilou, President, Hellenic College and Holy Cross- (not in attendance)

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT-** *Fr. George Wilson*

- LOFOS – Annual Campaign – LOFOS as a whole- how much does it bring in? The goal was this would help us with exposure. Is it doing that?
- Fr. Demetri Costarakis- believes the money should come in to Alumni office, not through the business office.
- Fr. Peter Costarakis- suggested Alexandra to work w/ Charlie on this. The board decided they would like to know:
  - Money brought in total to Alumni or gifts
  - Who gave: names and addresses
  - Geographical location
  - What has been spent so far to give us the balance we have today

- Are there restrictions on Dogmatic fund?
- Define use of LOFOS and Sovereign account- Sandra commented: Sovereign is money housed for Memorial Wall, and other small office related expenses- Movie night, senior gifts, etc. Toner, copies, comes out of school "budget"
- Another thank you letter should be sent to donors from Alumni Office, in addition to the letter sent from the Business office. Sandra to obtain a copy of the letter sent by Carol in the Business office.
- When does LOFOS drop?
- Money from Pittsburgh Metro- \$25 per person- was to come in – did it and where did it go?
- Fr. Theodore P- working w/ Fr. Veronis, eastern region of his metro- one time gift of \$1000- at least \$27,000 should have been collected so far- where is this money ? - Fr Ted will check into w/ Sally Kaloyanidies.
- Sovereign Account Balance-
- Library Fund- Fr. Peter C- questioned- how are we paid up if Denver still owes? It was made clear money would be deposited in Sovereign account when we receive the check, because the money was taken from the Sovereign account to pay for the room.  
Fr. Gary- has the letter been sent to Denver? Fr. George will check with Fr. Jim Gordon.  
Fr. Peter Costarakis- Was there a reply to the letter? What is their stance?  
Fr. Gary- if the letter has not been sent, then let's send the letter.

Fr. George Wilson- Are there ways of soliciting money for the Dog chair or Scholarship fund and how does that \$50 K impact the above funds?

Treasurer's report- closed by Fr. George Wilson

Fr. Gary- need a better grasp of monies- maybe we can have the money info before hand.

Fr. Gary moves to accept  
Second Fr. Demetri Costarakis  
All in favor

Comments: Sandra to find out information pertaining to monies- while board is here- and may be helpful for General Assembly meeting.  
Fr. Peter Costarakis- may be hard to get these questions this week- Commencement week. Fr. Wilson- would like to have some of this info before General Assembly meeting.

#### 4. ALUMNI PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

- Alumni Dogmatic Chair Fund

- Fr. Gary- is this a restricted fund?
  - Fr. Theodore- a certain portion goes to whoever teaches dogmatics. We were shooting for 500K, now it is more like 1 Million.
  - Fr. Peter- clarified that money is only spent to pay Dogmatic professor – is it restricted.
- Alumni Scholarship Fund- Two recipients this year- both received \$1000 each.
  - Library Fund
  - Diptych – Fr. Nicholas Samaras is working on the Diptych.
    - Fr. Peter Costarakis- talked of detailed pamphlet of what a family is to do when the Priest of the family passes. Is now in the hands of the Patriarchate. Pres. Stephanides and Fr. Peter going to go ahead and mail to priests, and hand to all seniors who graduate from Holy Cross.
      - Fr. Theodore P- suggests adding the pamphlet to website once it is complete.
  - Memorial Wall- V. Rev. Fr. Peter Costarakis- at a standstill. Would like permission of board to send out a letter to alumni informing of wall, to contribute and give a deadline- start work and finish the wall.
  - Fr. Demetri- include a flyer /picture with a letter
    - Motion: made by Fr. Peter Costarakis
    - Fr. Theodore- more specific appeals would be beneficial.
    - Second: Fr. Ted P
    - Time limit- by Sept 14, 2007 for money to be donated (Fr. Demetri suggested)
    - Mail by Aug 14<sup>th</sup>- Fr. Peter Costarakis will mail
    - Fr. Ted P- Who will draft
    - Fr. Peter- He and Alexandra will draft, and e-mail to board w/ cutoff time.
  - Alumni Website- Sandra Roll- the website is currently being re-built and re-designed. It is expected to be live by end of June, beginning of July 2007.

**LUNCH BREAK- 12:15- 1:15**

**BEGIN MEETING 1:15 PM**

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

- Alumni Budget
  - Fr. George Choiros - What does the office need?
  - Nick and Fr. Demetri, Fr. George Wilson to work on budget, with Alexandra by July 1. Prepared for the Fall Meeting.
  - Fr. Theodore- suggested drafting 2 budgets- one Internal: operations/ running of the office, and one with school's expenses.
  - Sandra to look for current budget sheet- file/ Quicken
  - Fr. Theodore- believes there is a budget- should we set a goal to raise the money?

- Discussion of Part Time Director position- money vs. Full Time.
- Discussion- Fr. Demetri- lack of participation from Alumni, some have bad taste in mouth from school, Fr. Peter Costarakis- comment on lack of participation from Boston Diocese- which is in HC/HC backyard,
- Fr. Demetri- maybe we should ask alumni- do you want to be in the loop? yes? Or no?
- Fr. George Wilson- some alumni are scarred beyond repair.
- Fr. Gary- believes we need to show the Alumni some good stuff- rather than writing people off. (disagrees w/the yes or no option)

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- Office of Alumni Relations Update- *Sandra Roll*
  - Introduction of Sandra
  - Letter to alumni from Fr. Jim, introduction of Sandra, with new update on office. – highlight the memorial wall. Ask for monetary help without asking for it.
  - The alumni wall, plus the following
  - Fr. Gary- maybe we don't need a coffee cart, maybe start small with a table.
  - Board agrees to go ahead with the benefits program, and would like to see the coffee cart and courtyard go up.
- Discuss idea of a General Assembly Meeting at Clergy Laity- 2008
  - Fr. Gary- what is the aim?
  - Fr. George Choirs- the potential numbers will be there.
  - Fr Gary- would we make decisions? Would it be an informational meeting? Should we consider a Board meeting?
  - Fr. Peter- if we do this, it needs to be an area where it is attended to, let them know far in advance.
  - Fr. Theodore- Distinguished ministry award? Should we have a speaker?
  - YES- will decide during Sept meeting what will happen at the General Assembly meeting
  - Fr. Tom Paris, Fr. Alexander Veronis are some to think about for the Distinguished Ministry Award.
  - Fr. Peter- feels Fr. Veronis is it- in light of what he's done to collect money for the Alumni Association, how he helped OCMC get started, fundraising for department of missions on campus.
  - Keep in mind for September meeting.
- Discuss Elections- change bylaws/procedure- should we?
  - Fr. George C- In the past anyone could be nominated. Do we need to change this?
  - Fr. Ted- which is the right system? What is the drawback of the way we are doing it now? Maybe there's someone out there who might WANT to be part of the board.
  - Fr. Peter- should we elect officers at Clergy Laity?
  - Elect reps at local level- then have reps nominate within themselves.

- Fr. Gary- thought Reps were elected at Clergy Laity for 2 years.
- Fr. Ted- be more open (website) offering people the opportunity- if you are interested to put your name in the hat.
- Brief discussion- about lay reps, how they get on, etc.
- Fr. Peter- suggested electing executive board among new reps- at Clergy Laity.
- Fr. Gary- Reps should nominate their reps to replace them, then executive board is elected.
- Fr. Ted- proposal, since we have some continuity with in the program (Sandra)- we don't define when election is going to happen, we say once the reps have been chosen from the syndismos, then we elect executive board among the new reps at Clergy Laity. Conference calls might help with involvement.
- Clarification: you need to be a rep to be on the executive board.
- Last year, officers were chosen at Fall meeting.
- E-mail bylaws to board members- Sandra
- Fr. Ted made a motion to table- until fall meeting.
- Second- Fr. George Wilson
- All in favor.
- **Conference call in June to talk about this.**

GO OVER SKED FOR TOMORROW:

Fr. Peter- suggests setting time limit for speakers.

#### 7. **NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALUMNI DIRECTORS:**

Tuesday, September 25, 1:00-4:30PM; Wednesday September 26, 9:00AM-4:30PM.- at HCHC.

- Elections
- Host senior class dinner? For students and spouses. HC and HC. Provide child care? Open Q& A- Vinny T's, Smokehouse Deli, to cater.
- Fr. Ted- let Sandra go with it. Input at the conference call in June.
- Ft. Chioros to contact Fr. Jim to please contact reps who are not here and find out what's going on. We need someone who can make it from each Metro.
- Executive meeting on Tuesday morning before the board meeting.

George Callos joins meeting:

Fr. Gary- what is the general feeling of your classmates on campus?

George- feels his class is generally positive. – Brief discussion.

Appreciated the Sr. send off party- but would like to see something with more alumni present.

#### 8. **CLOSING PRAYER**