

Approved: MAY 2007

Board of Alumni Directors Meeting
September 26 & 27, 2006

Dowd Hall – Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Attendance:

Frs. James Gordon, Nicholas C. Triantafilou, George Chioros, George Wilson, Theodore Petrides, Peter Costarakis, Demetri Costarakis, Mr. James Karamanos, Eleni Geanon.

Meeting Began – 1:10 pm

Opening Prayer and Remarks – Fr. James Gordon

- ❖ Where are we going as a group?
- ❖ Tend to be fighting a serious negative mentality between the School and its Alumni
- ❖ Disappointed by the lack of attendance by our Hierarchy at the Clergy Laity Congress at the Alumni Reception. Two came – His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos – all were invited.
- ❖ As an Association, we have pledged to raise \$50,000.00 for the operating budget of the Alumni Office
- ❖ Goals of the Association
 1. Raise finances for the Institution
 2. Spiritually support the School
 3. Recruit StudentsAdditional goal, fight apathy at this point and time.
- ❖ Not sure why so many people are down on the School.

Fr. P. Costarakis – for the past 5 years have come 2 times per year and never compensated.

- ❖ Need to find way to “light a fire” under our Brothers
- ❖ School needs strong Alumni

Motion to accept minutes from Alumni Board of Directors meeting on May 16 & 17, 2006

Motion – James Karamanos

Seconded – Fr. Demetri Costarakis

Unanimous Approval

Alumni Temporary Restricted Account

- ❖ Need to contact Fr. James Katinas for total understanding of procedures and process of monies in the account.
- ❖ Need to track expenditures
- ❖ Able to track what comes into the account

Fr. Theodore Petrides

- ❖ Metropolis of Pittsburgh have decided to accept challenge to raise \$50,000.00
- ❖ Developing a positive influence of and for School
- ❖ Good idea to give everyone a figure to shoot for - \$100.00 for 50-60 Clergy starting in January 2007.
- ❖ School is telling alumni that we want to have you (LOFOS) – but you run yourselves.

- ❖ Why did the school make this decision for the Alumni Association to raise \$50,000.00?
- ❖ Plan – each person responsible to raise a certain percentage of money
Or find people to try to make appeals.
- ❖ Fr. Alexander Veronis is on board to help with the efforts to raise the funds.
- ❖ This is supported by Metropolitan Maximos

Fr. James Gordon

- ❖ Would like the card to read differently regarding alumni association request.

Fr. P. Costarakis

- ❖ We have 9 Metropolis Representatives – these are also our public relations for the School.
- ❖ Need to improve the exposure of the School west of the Mississippi

Comments

- ❖ Fr. Andrew Demotses has offered to go to each Metropolis and speak on behalf of the School.
This has not happened yet and needs to be set-up and followed through.
- ❖ Need to coordinate each Metropolis Syndesmos President to set-up time and date for Fr. Andrew to visit and speak.
- ❖ Need to help change the attitude from negative to positive for the School
- ❖ Metropolis of New Jersey – Fall and February retreat

Fr. D. Costarakis

- ❖ Brotherhood of Boston meets each month
- ❖ At this time, focus is on raising funds for the Camp and Retreat Center in New Hampshire.
- ❖ Do not mind to talk to college about School
- ❖ Do know how involved they want to be.
- ❖ Good idea to invite the Student Government President to the Alumni Meetings (this year president is Mr. George Callos).

Comments

- ❖ Redirect telephone card monies (for Orientation) and use for the Alumni Association Monthly movies.
- ❖ Possible to give students at orientation a T-pass for a month as they get acclimated to Boston.
Need to research this.

Fr. P. Costarakis – Need to have Mr. Kroll present to set the record straight/

- ❖ What happens if we do not meet the goal?

Break

Joining the meeting are Fr. Nicholas C. Triantafilou, President of Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and Mr. George Tatsis, Director of the Office of Student Life and Adjunct Professor in Hellenic College (Biology Class Instructor).

Fr. NCT

- ❖ Welcomes Board of Alumni Directors

- ❖ Introduces Mr. George Tatsis – will be ordained a deacon on November 5, 2006 and a priest in January 2007.
- ❖ Announces new Dean of Holy Cross, Rev. Dr. Thomas FitzGerald
- ❖ Liturgics Professor and Chaplain – Rev. Fr. Phillip Zymaris
- ❖ Rev. Fr. Andrew Demotses – Volunteered to visit the Metropolis Syndesmos Chapters to speak for the School
- ❖ Fr. Nick will be going to TX to discuss development of endowment foundation for School
- ❖ Office of Vocation and Ministry – has been granted sustainability monies of \$500,000.00; we need to match this amount
- ❖ There is no final decision for the use of the Barletta property
- ❖ Soon announce Permanent Diaconate Program developed under the auspices of the Synod of Bishops written by Fr. Frank Marangos and Dr. Lewis Patsavos. This is a 2-branched program. A) Going through the Metropolitan's office only, credits not to be transferred to the Master of Divinity program. B) Credits can be transferred to Master of Divinity program. Major concern is that the program does not take away from the Master of Divinity program.
- ❖ Donor to assist in location of Director for the Office of Institutional Advancement
- ❖ Enrollment Study
- ❖ Leadership100
Church attendance is challenged – try to develop a program where the upper classmen will help monitor underclassmen.
- ❖ LOFOS – House of Stewards, Alumni and Board of Trustees to encourage participation in the annual campaign program. Last mailing included the 8,000 donors in School's database and the mailing list from the Archdiocese. The mailing list of the Archdiocese was given to the School at the Clergy-Laity Congress this summer in response to the recommendation from the School to the Archdiocese.
- ❖ At full capacity in Polemanakos Residence Hall. Dormitory is structurally safe according to fire standards.

Rev. James Gordon

- ❖ LOFOS presentation in May and January Fr. J. Katinas was present
- ❖ LOFOS program is the annual campaign for the School. There is a check box allocating donation specifically for the Office of Alumni Relations. This is done to aid in the goal of raising \$50,000.00 dollars for the operation of the Alumni Office.
- ❖ Monies come in to the School; receipt is generated by the School, monies deposited in a temporarily restricted account to be used only for the operation of the Office of Alumni Relations.
- ❖ If there are any expenditures, it comes from this account.
- ❖ Clarification is needed as to the processing of this account. Need to speak with Fr. J. Katinas in order to put this topic to rest.
- ❖ Need to communicate with the CFO, Mr. Charles Kroll, regarding Alumni Office Budget.
- ❖ This is to be done by November 1, 2006.

Fr. Nicholas Triantafilou

- ❖ The Office of Alumni Relations will not close if it does not reach the goal of \$50,000.00.
- ❖ Fr. Andrew Demotses has volunteered to travel for the School and to speak with the various Metropolis Syndesmos.

- ❖ Need to call each Metropolis to learn when and how often the Brotherhoods meet.

George Tatsis SOT 06, Director, Office of Student Life

- ❖ Many good things going on campus
- ❖ Seniors will step up this year to shepherd under classmen
- ❖ Need to consider being on campus like one's first parish assignment
- ❖ "Faith in Action"
- ❖ George Callos is president of the Student Government Association
- ❖ Demetri Tobias is leader of the Campus Activities Board
- ❖ Meets with staff off-campus on weekly basis to talk
- ❖ Encouraging seminarians to wear anderi during the day
- ❖ There is little negativity among student body now
- ❖ Two student representatives go the faculty meetings

Tuesday, September 27, 2006

Attendance: Frs. James Gordon, Nicholas C. Triantafilou, George Chioros, George Wilson, Theodore Petrides, Peter Costarakis, Demetri Costarakis, Mr. James Karamanos, Eleni Geanon

Draft letters to the Finance Office and Financial Aid

- ❖ Need to inform Alumni that if a student is the son or daughter of an alumnus/a they get a discount of 50% of tuition rate
- ❖ A letter needs to be drafted to the Association informing them of this.
- ❖ Can be added to Alumni Association benefit list.

Draft Letter to Metropolitan Isaiah to request remainder of pledge to the Archbishop Iakovos Library and Learning Center – Alumni Room.

- ❖ Remainder of pledge for the Metropolis of Denver is \$2,000.00
- ❖ Also, they need to reimburse Fr. Michael Kouremetis for his attendance of the Alumni Meetings in May 2006.
- ❖ Fr. J. Gordon will write on behalf of the Executive Board

Memorial Wall

- ❖ Fr. Peter Costarakis will speak with Fr. J. Katinas about next steps.
- ❖ Written estimate has been established and do not want to exceed this,
- ❖ Also, Fr. Peter needs to speak with Mr. Karloutsos on this matter.

Fr. Peter Costarakis

- ❖ Need approval from Fr. Nick Triantafilou to substitute for Fr. Jim when he is unable to attend Board of Trustees meetings as his representative for the Alumni Association.

Diptych

- ❖ For subsequent meetings have the Diptych in alphabetical order for review.
- ❖ Speak with Fr. N. Samaras about getting Diptych printed. Can Mr. Lulias print at no charge? Otherwise, may need to find someone to underwrite the cost.
- ❖ When mailing the Diptych – include a solicitation for the Alumni Association. Need to draft a letter to address this when send out mailing.

- ❖ Make sure that Diptych informs people to check the website for updates.

Class Agents/Website

- ❖ Need to develop a Class Note page on the website
- ❖ Need to develop class agents to assist in this matter.

Reunion Festivities

- ❖ Need to look for Alumni Award Criteria – need to revisit this or draft criteria if do not have any.
- ❖ Motion by Fr. Peter Costarakis to give Alumni Award to His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios.
- ❖ Seconded by Fr. George Chioros
- ❖ Need to send letter to Aliko now for date reservation

Distinguished Alumnus/a Award

- ❖ 2006 Clergy Laity – Rev. Fr. William S. Chiganos
- ❖ Need to determine 2008 recipient

Office of Vocation and Ministry (OVM)

- ❖ Stephanie Skedros came to speak on the OVM office the Crossroad program
- ❖ The Lilly Endowment Fund – Vocation Exploration to discover strength to serve the world, funds office.
- ❖ Question asked – Why are people going into ministry later in life?
- ❖ Office offers faculty grants from 500-6,00.00 dollars – helps to enhance classroom experience.
- ❖ Partner with OCF office
- ❖ Sustainability grant – Applied and rewarded sustainability monies with matching grant price.
- ❖ Two Million dollars originally granted to last 5 years – Office has been able to budget this.
- ❖ Suggestion made to obtain a list of Crossroad participants from each Metropolis and send them to the various GOYA groups in their vicinity to promote the program.
- ❖ Metropolis of Pittsburgh has Goya Fall and Spring Retreats.

Office of Admissions

- ❖ Attached see number of students divided by Metropolis.
- ❖ Time on campus tends to cultivate students – may start off in one major and then switch to Religious Studies leading towards ordination.
- ❖ Suggest to high school students or possible transfer students to try Hellenic College or Holy Cross for a semester or one year. This offers people time to become a part of the community eliminating the fear factor of committing to a particular program.
- ❖ Currently, 16 students are interns for the office going to different churches and camps running retreats
- ❖ All Youth Directors of the Archdiocese know of these programs
- ❖ Money that had been designated for the Summer Tour programs have now been directed toward training program for these student retreat leaders.
- ❖ Admissions Office gets the students here, Alumni Office keeps track after they are gone.

Break – 11:25 am

Letter to Metropolitans regarding assignment of Lay Representatives

- ❖ Need to get list of Alumni that are in each Metropolis for each Metropolitan

- ❖ If do not hear from them by May – we may need to revisit the Bylaws.

Clergy Laity Congress 2006 Nashville, TN

- ❖ Will continue to organize gathering at the congresses.
- ❖ This year there was a good mixture of graduating classes
- ❖ Next Clergy Laity congress to be in Washington D.C.
- ❖ Suggestions for Distinguished Alumnus Award – Fr. Tom Paris, Fr. Alexander Veronis, Fr. Andrew Demotses

Alumni Lecture

- ❖ Have decided against Alumni Lecture
- ❖ During Fall Board of Alumni Directors meetings will host dinner for the senior classes of Hellenic College and Holy Cross (students only) in a semi-formal environment.
- ❖ Fall 2007 – September 25 – 26, 2007 – Dinner September 25, 2006

Alumni Association Monthly Movie Night

- ❖ Costs not exceed \$100.00.
- ❖ President of Campus Activities Board – Dimitri Tobias
- ❖ Have decided Board members present will individually sponsor each month.
- ❖ September 2006 – Fr. Peter Costarakis, October 2006 – Fr. James Gordon, November 2006 – Fr. George Chioros, December 2006 – Fr. Demetri Costarakis, January 2007 – Fr. George Wilson, February 2007 – Fr. Ted Petrides.

Lunch Break

Resume meeting at 1:15 pm

Mr. Jeff Citro, SOT 05 – Office of Social Ministry

- ❖ Introductory remarks of program and himself. Jeff has a Master in Counseling from the state of Colorado.
- ❖ It is very important that there is a strategic vision of social ministry to take place at the School.
- ❖ Currently, the Social Ministry office works with the Boston Theological Institute and the Pappas Patristic Institute.
- ❖ Hope is to one day incorporate Social Ministry into School curriculum – Classroom and field work under pastoral supervision.
- ❖ Social Ministry not only with Orthodox, reach out to community at large.
- ❖ Vision of Fr. Nick Triantafilou, see Holy Cross as a vanguard of social ministry.
- ❖ Jeff has prepared a great base for Social Ministry at the School

Alumni Budget

- ❖ Sovereign Account – main housing for the monies belonging to the Memorial Wall
- ❖ Need to develop procedural process of obtaining monies generated by the LOFOS campaign. Will help the Office of Alumni to track income and expenses.
- ❖ Need to make sure that we do “run up a bill” with the School which could leave us in the red.
- ❖ Question to Fr. Nick Triantafilou –
“Why was the Office of Alumni Relations singled out regarding funds?”
- ❖ Reply – Alumni Office was part time in the past. When the Board of Trustees was told to cut \$60,000.00 to 1 million dollars from the budget, this was part of the budget cuts. Fr. Nick said

he felt comfortable that the Alumni would rise to the occasion and fund the office. It was his idea to have Alumni fund the office, and still feels that they can do so. This was done to assist with the budget of the School. All in all, \$719,000.00 was cut from the budget.

- ❖ Fr. Peter Costarakis and Eleni Geanon will meet with Mr. Charlie Kroll, Chief Financial Officer, regarding the budget of the Office of Alumni Relations. Should be completed by Nov. 1, 2006.
- ❖ Will keep the Sovereign bank account as is.

George Callos, President of Student Government Association

- ❖ George came to the meeting and made introductory remarks (see attached) and there was a dialogue, which followed.

Work to be completed:

- ❖ Need to update Listserv lists – Alumni and Board of Trustees of HC and HC.
- ❖ Possible to have monthly conference calls for Board of Alumni Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm