

## Alumni Council Meeting August 5, 2018

GSC's Alumni Council met on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at the residence of Ralph and Joann Holder in Belpre, Ohio with the following members present: Dennis Carpenter, Martha Deel, Bill Deel, Gary Gillespie, Gary Wagner, Mark Downey, John Hoover, Robin Chaney, Pat Lydon, Ralph Holder, Janet Bailey, and Yvonne King.

Others in attendance for all or part of the meeting were: Dr. Pellett, Dr. Vega, David Hutchison, and Jesse Skiles.

GSC Alumni Council President Dennis Carpenter called the afternoon meeting to order and welcomed the group. Minutes of the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented and approved as written.

### ALUMNI FINANCIAL REPORT:

Council Secretary/Treasurer Yvonne King gave a financial report of Alumni Association monies:

Checking account: \$4,001.85

CDs \$8,102.48 and \$5,287.88 with maturity dates being January 15, 2020.

David Hutchison added that the Alumni Association also has a \$10,000.00 Foundation Alumni operating budget plus around \$2,243.00 of unspent monies still in this account from the 2017 – 2018 fiscal year.

### FOUNDATION REPORT:

Hutchison announced that an additional half million dollars has been received in the GSC Foundation this year, a 6.3% return from 181 shares (\$363,000.00); also that the annual fund tripled this year and that the silver anniversary coins are expected to net \$150,000.00.

## PRESIDENT PELLETT'S REPORT:

- I. One Million and One Dollar was realized at the end of the fiscal year. Therefore we are "out of the hole".
- II. Bills are paid, thanks in part to the sale/refinancing of bonds.
- III. A slight enrollment gain is anticipated for the fall semester.
- IV. GSC has received a little improvement in State raises.
- V. The Conrad Motel (renamed Riverfront Residence) is looking good although there are still improvements to be made by October.
  - a. Several of GSC's students will be housed there.
- VI. Pioneer Village is in need of the "comforts of home" after 20 years.
  - a. New appliances are needed; also some renovations.

Dr. Pellett introduced Dr. Victor Vega as GSC's Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs. He is from Coastal, Georgia. Dr. Vega hopes to strengthen education and to provide new computers for faculty and the classrooms. He also anticipates a 2-5% enrollment increase and insists that we must, in the next two years, realize that funding should be raised to Five Million.

## TOPICS OF DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Upkeep of the Alumni House was discussed.

- I. Bill Deel will chair a committee to make recommendations for repairs and maintenance.

There is, at this point, no Alumni Director since Debra Nagy has retired.

- I. Interviews are being held for the posted position.

## RESIGNATIONS OF POSITIONS HELD ON THE ALUMNI COUNCIL AND CHECK WRITING PRIVILEGES:

- I. For personal reasons, Yvonne King requested a

replacement for her Secretary/Treasurer position on the Alumni Council although she will continue to serve as a Council member.

- a. Robin Cheney volunteered to fill this position.
- b. Robin, President Carpenter and the new Alumni Director will need to arrange a visit to United Bank with a copy of these minutes to verify that on today's date, it is Council's wish that a new bank signature card be prepared with these three individuals' names for the purpose of check writing and that two of these three signatures will need to be on each check that is written on the Alumni Association's account.

- I. Ruth Chisler Baughman submitted a letter of resignation from the Alumni Council since she has moved out-of-state.

Janet Bailey moved to accept these matters with Gary Gillespie seconding the motion. Motion carried.

#### TEACHER JAMBOREE WEEKEND

Ralph's idea for a Jamboree Weekend to attract GSC grads who teach was discussed. Plans have been put on hold, perhaps until Alumni Day in April 2019. This is an attempt to honor the teachers for a weekend, perhaps prompting them to return to campus.

#### HONOR SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT

Martha Deel presented a scholarship project idea to honor retired Alumni Director Debra Nagy and her 45 years of service to GSC. Martha suggested that each council member give a gift of \$45 to be established for use as Mrs. Nagy chooses, for the alumni house or another project. This is subject to Nagy's approval and would be a one-time donation. Motion by Martha

Deel/seconded by John Hoover. Motion carried.

#### ALUMNI HOUSE TRIBUTE

Robin Chaney recommended that we pay tribute to our Alumni House by creating a campaign for renovation and/or updates. We need to keep the house open and usable for any alumni who want to visit, especially for special occasions like Homecoming and Alumni Day.

#### ALUMNI SPONSORED HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

A High School Cheerleading Competition was discussed as a GSC Alumni event. Pat Lydon thought that this may attract young people and perhaps serve as a recruiting tool. There would be a refundable entry fee. Ralph Holder so moved and the motion was seconded by John Hoover. Motion carried.

#### ALL-CLASS REUNION

An all-class five-year reunion concept was discussed. A committee was formed to look into and plan this event with John Hoover, Chair and committee members: Robin Chaney, David Hutchison, and Gary Gillespie taking the lead on this endeavor.

#### HOMECOMING

The homecoming parade with Alumni Council participation was discussed. If Bob Marshall does not provide the truck and trailer, Martha offered their trailer. A committee made up of Robin Chaney, Chair; Yvonne King, Jesse Skiles, Dennis Carpenter, and John Hoover will pursue plans for alumni homecoming events on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Remaining on the scheduled events of Alumni are:

- I. Canopy high school home football games (10 – 15)

- II. GSC Alumni Tent at home football games
- III. GSC Alumni Tent at Homecoming
- IV. GSC Alumni Presence at College Basketball  
Tournament

Meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m. for the Holder's annual picnic, today's picnic honoring Mrs. Nagy.

Respectfully submitted

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Yvonne King    8/5/2018