

Minutes of Alumni/ae Board Meeting
McCormick Conference Room, Saint John's Prep
3/21/2009 • 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Your World Awaits

Present: Doug Asquith '06, Christopher Bineham '01, Jackie Burns '84, Samantha Henningson '00, Wendy Hulsebus '90, Henry Padgett '69, Chris Schellinger '87, Brenda Brown

1) Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Introductions

The meeting began at 9:15 a.m. Introductions were made as we welcomed two guests, Samantha and Christopher.

2) Approval of minutes from last meeting

We forgot to accept the minutes from 1/17/2009, tabled to the May meeting.

3) Guests: voicing their concern over recent position elimination

Samantha shared her personal story of how her life was touched by Jeff Johnson. She shared that she was disheartened about the process and the decision, but heartened that the response is so strong for Prep. Christopher also shared his personal story of Jeff Johnson and was concerned about how the decision was made. They asked the board to facilitate a way to look for a process to help the Prep School come up with creative ideas in the face of the economic challenges. They asked the Alumni/ae Association to present a statement to Fr. Tim and the Regents which detail their concerns about how the staff decisions were made and communicated.

4) Report from Director of Development & Alumni/ae Relations, Brenda Brown

Brenda updated the Board on the following activities: Partners with Prep, Prep Life, Gasthaus, Major Gifts workshop, Annual Fund, Senior Stand-Ups, Career Mentoring Day, Colledgeville Colors and the DC/AZ/San Diego Stand-Ups.

5) Update the Involvement Worksheet- pass around & please complete at the meeting

Those board members who were unable to attend the meeting, please let Brenda know what work group and/or task you would be willing to help with; these groups will meet "virtually" via email and phone calls, so ALL board members can participate. One member from each work group should present their group's progress at future meetings.

(see next page for Involvement Worksheet)

	Prep Life writer	Prep Life Editorial Board	Branding Work Group	Technology Work Group	Prep Life Work Group	Events Work Group	Faculty/Staff Work Group	Collegeville Colors volunteer	Gasthaus volunteer	Host a Stand- Up
Chris Schellinger '87	X		X		X		X			
Wendy Hulsebus '90			X	X					X	
Douglas Asquith '06				X						
Emily Bergen '08										
Jackie Burns '84										
Peter Dwyer '69										
John S. Dwyer '07										
Beth Flynn '05										
Kenneth Gutzwiller '56	X	X			X					X
Abbot John Klassen, OSB, '67										
Joe Kurr '91										
Soren Lagaard '05										
Marin A. Lagaard '06										
Bob Mahowald '95			X	X				X	X	
Rich Mies '76	X				X					
Joe Ostendorf '99										
Henry Padgett '69										
Tony Randall '84						X				
Tyler Stone '08										
Marty Stone '78	X									
Paul Sullivan '04										
Donn Thurk '56										
Morgan Zirbes Novak '07										

Reminder: Brenda is a member of ALL of the Work Groups and will work with each of the groups to make sure everyone has the resources they need to get their tasks accomplished. We are looking for the Alumni/ae Association Board Member Chair to call the group together (including Brenda), keep the group focused and make sure the group stays on task to complete the goal(s).

- 6) **ARMOR OF LIGHT** The Committee met and chose a slate of two candidates for the Armor of Light award. Wendy and Doug will be making a five minute presentation about each candidate at the May Board meeting. Alumni/ae Board will then vote for the awardee. In September, the awardee will be informed by the Wendy as Chair of the Alumni/ae Board of their selection as Armor of Light and they will be the cover story for the November Prep Life.
- 7) **COMMUNICATION - Branding: By 2011, three times as many alumni/ae as now can tell us what the Board is/does and the Alumni/ae Board's profile is as high as the Board of Regent's.**
We will postpone the survey until after the Reunion to give more time to think about the questions. The 1999 survey questions seem to not be as relevant in 2009 and/or the concerns have been addressed.
- 8) **COMMUNICATION - Technology: By 2011, we will use state of the art, consistent, user-friendly tools to communicate with alumni/ae to ensure a deep sense of community.**
Bob was out of country, but Brenda shared a report that he sent prior to the meeting. Ideas include: technology to enhance Reunion, videos of significant Prep events, database of Preps to help others, social networking site use. These ideas will be further explored in committee meetings.
- 9) **COMMUNICATION - Prep Life: By 2011, Prep Life will be a must-read, award-winning, high quality publication that highlights both current and past students and news.**
Brenda shared the new Prep Life Editorial Board Operating Code and the Editorial Board roster. They will be meeting in late April to plan the August and November issues and again in October to plan the Feb 10 and May 10 issues. The new designer is on board and the edition will be mailed out by May 1. A huge thanks to Dianne Towalski for her volunteer time on designing Prep Life for the past four years.

10) PARTICIPATION - Events: By 2011, there will be a 100% increase in attendance of Alumni/ae Board Events.

Tony was unable to attend the Board meeting, but sent in a report noting volunteers for Reunion.

11) PARTICIPATION - Board: By 2011, the Board will have ten consistently active members and five consistently active members at large.

We are continuing to promote the "at large" designation by filling the Work Groups. Peter Mullin will be asked to join the board. We need to fill five Board member positions for the upcoming year as five are at the end of their term.

12) PARTICIPATION - Faculty/Staff: By 2011, double the number of faculty & staff involved in mutually beneficial interaction that results in improved delivery of curriculum, professional development and other opportunities for growth.

Chris met with faculty in February which resulted in good discussion regarding the objectives of the goal. A suggestion was made to reword the goal to be more inclusive in terms of the types of interactions we are seeking between alums and faculty (change is made above). Other ideas included helping faculty make contact with alums prior to that faculty's tenure at Prep, faculty said that they really respond to a personal invitation from an alum to attend an event (eg. Christmas at Saint John's), create a Resource List of alums that faculty could refer to find an alum that could respond to a faculty's need. Chris also met with John Clarkson of the Outdoor Leadership Program and discussed a career mentoring program/database at Prep.

13) INVESTMENT: Board Support: By 2011, 100% of the Alumni/ae Board will support SJP with a financial gift that is meaningful to their own personal situation.

Seven of the 26 members of the board or 27% of the Alumni/ae Board have made an Annual Fund financial gift to the Prep School in the current fiscal year (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009).

14) At 12:05 p.m. Wendy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Doug seconded, all agreed and headed down to the Refectory for lunch.

15) **Next Meeting:** Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 9-12 noon in the TWIN CITIES, location TBD.

Per Chris' request, a To-Do list will now be added at the end of the minutes:

- All – identify one person to join as an Member at Large to join a Work Group
- Wendy- prepare Armor of Light nomination
- Doug- prepare Armor of Light nomination
- Ken- hold the first Editorial Board meeting, continue to find suitable awards to apply for

Board members are strongly encouraged to attend upcoming events:

May 7, 2009 - **Partners with Prep Breakfast Event**

May 23 - **Saint John's Prep Class of 2009 Commencement**

June 13, 2009 - **Dedication and Blessing of Stella Maris Chapel;** 10 a.m. with a luncheon to follow.

June 26-27, 2009 - **Reunion Weekend**

July 18, 2009 - **Pull for Prep-** shooting clays fundraiser at Horse & Hunt, Prior Lake, MN

August 15 - **PGA Championship Standup at Hazeltine, MN**

September 15 - **10th Annual Prep Classic at Madden's**

October 4 - **Collegeville Colors**

October 9 & 10- **Gasthaus**

December 28- **Christmas at Saint John's**