Minutes Saturday, November 7, 2020

Board of Directors meeting, Nasson College Alumni Association

The meeting was called to order as a Zoom virtual meeting at 10 am by President Connie Witherby. She welcomed new board members Janet Fraser '81 and Richard Berlinski '83. She thanked Jim Leach '83 for his recruiting efforts over the past year.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2020 Zoom meeting was seconded by Jim Leach. Motion passed with all in favor.

Connie presented the president's report. Homecoming was very successful, and that Craig would give us the report later in the meeting. The Heritage Center has been quiet with the Covid practices in place. Connie met with a few alumni who made advance reservations because they were planning to be in town. Dues are down because we didn't have a Homecoming Registration form this year. Hopefully the President's letter in November will remind folks to pay their dues. The President's letter will go out towards the end of November. Mailing materials will be dropped off to members of the Admin Committee that live locally so that they can stuff and mail out the letter. This will be our last board meeting until next May, when hopefully, we can meet in person.

Treasurer's report. Lorraine was unable to give us the Financial Report as it was more complicated than usual with the withdrawal of the NCC gym floor money from our portfolio. As soon as the report is available, she will forward it to the board.

Nominating Committee. Craig will begin recruiting next summer.

Homecoming. Craig spoke to us about the success of Virtual Homecoming this year. He estimates that about 80 people attended over the course of the day. He acknowledged the Homecoming committee of Ned O'Hara, Jim Leach, Mark Hoffman and Kirk Williamson. He also thanked Dave Parent from the Nasson Community Center who was our Zoom technician for the day, coordinating all of the pre recorded and live events. The day began with a live Annual meeting at 10am (attendance approx 30). Following the meeting, several pre-recorded tours and events were shown, including the SMBC meeting held on Friday and campus tours. Kirk Williamson and a couple of others went up to Hilltop House that day, and that excursion was recorded by Kirk and shown later Saturday afternoon. The Class of '70 held a 50th reunion at 4pm with games and updates. Georgie Porgie and the Crybabies (Hilltop House fame from late 70s) put together a one hour set that was shown at 5pm Some of the videos have already been posted on nasson.org. Craig is working with George Porgie to get the permissions needed to post his video as well. Connie indicated that her interview with John Barth needs to be edited before posting on the website.

Homecoming 2021. Hopefully we will be able to meet in person next year. Tentative plans are to have a Hybrid event with Friday and Saturday events, including a Zoom Annual Meeting. And an SMBC Breakfast on Sunday morning. Georgie Porgie and the Crybabies want to come up and will be put up in Ogunquit at Ned's timeshare. Richard Berlinski wants to coordinate a class of 81-83 reunion. Connie indicated that the class of 1971 is working on their 50th reunion. Craig has lined up John Massarro to speak at the Sunday SMBC meeting if it is a live event. Mark Hoffman wants to make sure we have 2-fer class reunions (example 65-66, 70-71, 75-76 and 80-81) to make sure that the classes that missed their reunion this year can celebrate in person next year. He said we can use the big screen in the Little Theatre with a microphone for onsite alumni to chat with Zoom participants. Also possibly set up a camera/microphone in the gym, and Heritage Center to allow onsite alumni to chat with folks on Zoom.

A WNCY reunion is in the works. Craig has been in contact with past General Managers and Program Managers, and a Zoom meeting will be scheduled to make plans.

Ad hoc committees:

-The flag plaza had 27 bricks put in this year.

-Nasson Community Center update. As of now, the gym floor restoration (which was postponed due to Covid) will begin in December.

-Newsletter - The Lion Speaks will go out in March as a 6 page newsletter.

-Alumni Store: Dodie has not been into the store since last winter. Connie sold a few items over this past 8 months. A suggestion was made to sell Nasson Logo themed infant onsies.

-Website: Connie said that working with our Webmaster via email has been working. However, it was mentioned that the website is out of date which Connie apologized for. Craig, Jim and Mark have offered to oversee the website, and make recommendations on updating it, and possibly be responsible for overseeing the updates. It was mentioned that the Website is the Association's voice, as many of our elder classmates are not on Facebook, and rely on the website for news about us.

Old Business: Nothing new

New Business:   
-Mark was impressed with Lorraine's proposal to restore the cupola on Alumni Hall. She has been in touch with the owner, who has indicated he wants to begin restoration in the spring. Structurally it is in good condition but will be costly. Lorraine suggested that the Alumni Association might consider donating money from the Endowment Fund to help with the restoration and have a plaque put on the building to recognize that. A suggestion was made to see if Alumni Hall qualified to be on the list of Historic Places to qualify for federal money for restoration. The building dates to 1912, as the first building constructed for Nasson Institute.

-Mark commented that we need Class Agents to coordinate class reunions and other class events, raising dues, class updates for the website, etc. He has offered to coordinate this. It was mentioned that our last Class Agent coordinator on the board passed away many years ago, and that this will be a great addition to the Board's activities.

After some chitchat, the meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted

Connie Witherby

In attendance: Connie Witherby '73, Jan Longfellow '59 Carl Johnson '60, Dodie Blake '60, Lorraine Masure '70, Craig Dutra'77, Mark Hoffman '77, Sharrie Dumont '60 , Janet Fraser '81, Richard Berlinski '83, Richard Ford '65, Nina Chabot '57, Jim Leach '83.

Unable to attend: Peggy Driscoll '51, Nat Hoag '55, Ray Kelley '59, Kyle Osborne '75, Dave Plycharczyk '76, Allan Walker '64, Priscilla Walker '61, Ned O'Hara '74, Midge Sanborn '62, Kirk Williamson '76, Suzanne Rouillard '70, Tom Jagger'59, Merrill Marsh '77, Greg Gallop '76