



MWCC Alumni Network Monthly Meeting – November 7, 2016

PRESENT:

- President - Mark Geoffroy
- Board Member - Joanne Davidson
- Board Member – Philip DeCharles
- Board Member - Marianne Geoffroy
- Board Member - Adesholla Gionet
- Board Member - Karen Greenwood
- Board Member - Amanda Landry (Secretary Sub)
- Board Member – Kathy Matson
- Board Member - Lawrence Nfor
- Associate Director of Alumni Relations - Carol Jacobson

ABSENT:

- Treasurer – Elizabeth Reiser
- Secretary - Briana Nobrega
- Board Member - John Day
- Board Member - Stacey LaPlante
- Board Member - Phillip Stan
- Alumni Liaison - Carrie DeCosta
- Alumni Liaison - Renee Eldredge
- Alumni Liaison - Karl Hakkarainen

Discussion

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Approved by all present (reached quorum)

2. Follow Up from October Meeting

- Ribbon cutting for the new Science Center – Lawrence, Karen and Amanda have confirmed their attendance
- National Philanthropy Day – Carol reported back that she is still working on the details with the SLiCE students as it falls on the same date as their Hunger Banquet. She will have more information soon.
- Action items from October meeting
 - Marianne sent the Cheryl Cohen Mosaics information to Carol and confirmed that Cheryl may be open to traveling but uncertain about the distance she would travel as their studio is in Hopkinton. Suggested that it may be a possibility for next year.
 - Marianne updated that Paint Misbehavin' will travel to whatever location your party chooses. However, they do have a license to sell beer and wine at their Hudson location. They give 25% of the proceeds back to the fundraiser. It was suggested to either host it at the Devens MWCC campus or target another site that does sell beer and wine.
 - Carol will speak with Carla about the possibility of hosting one of these types of events and/or a dine for a cause night at the Mountain Barn in Princeton.
 - Carol reported on Briana's behalf regarding the Dine for a Cause night at the Gardner Ale House. She has indeed been in

contact with them and they are already booked for March 2017 but they have us in mind for the first available date in May 2017. There are a few other organizations ahead of us that will need to agree or disagree to that month before we can book it. More information to follow.

3. Election of Vice President

- The office of Vice President has remained vacant. Since Mark is unable to attend Foundation Board meetings, a VP can fill when the President is unable to attend. Foundation Board of Directors meetings occur five times a year, the schedule of meetings is sent out a year in advance and a reminder is sent to all involved a week prior. Lawrence Nfor was nominated for the position by Marianne and voted into office by the quorum.

4. Important Events and Tentative Dates

- Carol updated that there was nothing currently scheduled to share but did remind everyone that more information will follow regarding the student Philanthropy day.

5. Fundraising Ideas

- Adesholla told the group about a social media driven raffle that her friends did to help raise money for a family struggling with medical bills. It was promoted primarily through social media for one month and then they held a “drawing gathering”. At the gathering, there was a \$5 entry fee, live music, food, games and they pulled the winners of each raffle item. It was suggested that we offer one drink with the price of the ticket. The PACC donated the Pavilion Club hall for the event and the band donated their time as well. Carol suggested we consider doing something similar leading up to Dine for a Cause night or alternate the time of year we host it.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Adesholla to gather more information on hosting an online raffle to share with the group at the next meeting.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Briana to follow up with Jared at the Fitness & Wellness Center about a workout for a cause as well as the Gardner Ale House to provide updates to the group at the next meeting.

6. Other Business

- President Asquino’s 2016 Graduates Scholarship Fund has received very little response.

7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm