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## MWCC Alumni Network Monthly Meeting – May 2, 2016

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### PRESENT:

- President - Mark Geoffroy
- Treasurer - Elizabeth Reiser
- Secretary - Briana Nobrega
- Board Member - Joanne Davidson
- Board Member - Philip DeCharles
- Board Member - Marianne Geoffroy
- Board Member - Amanda Landry
- Associate Director of Alumni Relations - Carol Jacobson
- Guest Alumna - Karen Greenwood

### ABSENT:

- Vice President – Kathy Matson
- Board Member - Charity Cooley
- Board Member - John Day
- Board Member - Carrie DeCosta
- Board Member - Karl Hakkarainen
- Board Member - Adesholla Gionet
- Board Member - Stacey LaPointe
- Board Member - Lawrence Nfor
- Board Member - Phillip Stan
- Alumni Liaison- Renee Eldredge

### Discussion

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#### 1. Introduction of Guest – Karen Greenwood

- Round table introductions to alumna, Karen Greenwood, who we connected with at the Dine for a Cause event, she is interested in getting involved

#### 2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Approved

#### 3. Quiz Night Recap (Carol)

- We made approximately \$4,000 which is about \$1,000 more than last year
- We had 17 teams (Goal=15, last year=10), next year's goal= 20
- We did have fewer sponsors this year but had a great response to our raffle
- The timeframe seemed to work really well and we will continue to do Quiz Night around the same time in the future

#### 4. Dine for a Cause Recap (Briana)

- We made a total of \$800 (\$400 from dining, \$400 from the raffle)
- Everyone had a great time and the restaurant was busy the entire time
- Ale House staff told Carol and Briana that they thought the event was a success and appreciated how we presented ourselves. They also made note that we brought in a different crowd than their usual Dine events as we brought in an older demographic (typically their Dine events are for school sports teams and organizations which typically bring in younger guests)
- Overall, great first time event and we will plan on doing another one if the Ale House will have us

#### 5. Commencement

- Commencement this year is Wednesday, May 18 and starts at 6pm
- Carol will talk to Lois and Jason regarding seating arrangements so we can all sit together
- The reception after the ceremony will be held in the South Café this year. Mark and Marianne have volunteered to staff the reception at 7:15, Liz volunteered to then relieve them around 8 and staff the event until the end
- **ACTION ITEM:** Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend and should've received an email invitation from Lois Cox. Please RSVP.

- **ACTION ITEM:** We will be distributing waters to graduates starting about 4:30 and will need 2-3 volunteers to help pass them out (Liz volunteered, we still need 1-2 more)

#### 6. **Summer Meetings**

- Last year we did not hold meetings during the months of July and August, we will do the same this year, which means it's very important for everyone to attend the June meeting
- **ACTION ITEM:** During the June meeting we will need to hold our annual officers election and we must have a quorum in order to do so. (According to our by-laws, a quorum is equal to one-third of the board, which means we need at least SIX (6) board members present at our June meeting. Keep in mind that Carol is not a voting member, so her presence does not count towards the quorum.) Please make every effort to attend this meeting so we can stay on track. Anyone who wants to run for an office is welcome to do so (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary.)

#### 7. **Other Business**

- Carol mentioned that the cohort of MA Community Colleges are in talks about a possible MA Community College day at Fenway park, details have not been ironed out yet and it is not set in stone, but something to keep on our radar as a possible upcoming event to attend
- If the above event falls through, Carol asked if we were interested in attending the Worcester Bravehearts game as an Alumni social event as the rep has contacted her about it again. It would likely be about \$20/person for the game or the rep might offer individual package options (food, drink, etc.). Please let Carol know if you have interest in attending such an event.
- Carol also reminded us about the bowling event that President Asquino has asked us to run. At this point, we would like to run the event in November so that we have enough time to plan properly. We would do this at the Gardner 10 Pins.
- Carol also mentioned that she will be putting together a Professional Development event post graduation that really targets recent grads (but all alumni would be welcome). The focus would be preparing for the job market, properly presenting yourself, what to expect when entering the work world, etc. It will likely be held at Rye & Thyme as we've had success at that venue previously.
- Karen Greenwood was voted in as a Board Member

#### 8. **Tour & Adjournment**

- Official meeting adjourned at 6:50pm. Carol brought those who have not yet seen the renovation and new building progress on a short tour.