

MWCC Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting - June 2, 2014

Present: Mark Geoffroy (Vice President) Isaac Matson (Board Member)
Liz Reiser (Treasurer) Kathy Matson (Board Member)
John Day (Board Member) Lawrence Nfor (Board Member)
Marianne Geoffroy (Board Member) Briana Nobrega (Board Member)
Amanda Landry (Board Member) Taryn Holly (Association Member)
Carol Jacobson (Alumni Relations)

Absent: Christina Wiggins (Past President)
Karl Hakkarainen (Secretary)
Renee Eldredge (Board Member)
Philip DeCharles (Board Member)

Business: Vice President, Mark Geoffroy, ran the meeting

- **GRADUATION FOLLOW UP**

- Alumni presence at this year's commencement was favorable in comparison to years past, thank you to all who could come
- Renee, Taryn, and Amanda were able to sell \$162.01 in Alumni bracelets
- We were able to gather contact information from many graduates who wanted to join the Alumni Association

- **RELAY FOR LIFE**

- A roster was passed around the table for those participating on our Relay team to provide their contact information
- Carol will be on-site Friday until late evening and most of day on Saturday. She will be splitting her time between the alumni and college teams
- A schedule was passed around for people to sign up for their **walk times** as well as sign up to man the **bracelet table** during peak hours. Mark and Marianne will have this schedule as well as the contact list and will send a copy to all of us.
- Misc. events run at the relay were discussed as an FYI such as **Survivor's lap** (6:30) with a reception before the lap at the Survivor's tent, both are for the Survivor's and Caregivers only. Saturday at 10:15 is the **Caregivers walk**.
- There will be children's activities that they are looking for volunteers to help out with between 10-2
- They are doing a **chair auction** where your team can submit a painted/decorated chair, but we decided that it is too late for us to participate in this, unless someone had something already.
- We also discussed the **Miss Relay Contest**, where male participants will dress as their favorite tv wife with rounds including an interview round, an evening gown round and walking the track to collect as many donations as they can. While we all thought it was a fun idea, no one was available to participate from our team. This will be occurring at 10:45 on Friday night.

- **ReRun Shoe Collection:** This fundraiser is led by another team, but we can participate by collecting shoes and bringing them to their tent. We were unsure of the exact logistics, but our team will probably get some cut of the money raised from the amount of shoes we donate (check the relay website for details). Heels and flip flops are not accepted. Shoes should be gently used. For more information on this organization, visit rerunshoes.com.
- **Turning in donations:** August 31 is the final deadline for donations to clear. If you are taking cash or check donations, there are forms on the relay website that you can download and fill out with the appropriate donation information. Cash and check donations will not be credited to teams until AFTER the event.
- **Raffle Basket:** We want to do a raffle basket with a “Wachusett” theme: Wachusett beer, wine, chips, MWCC products. John will check with the bookstore to see if they will donate anything. Carol will coordinate basket assembly and contents
- **RELAY FOR LIFE LOGISTICS**
 - We are piggy backing of the **college tent** which is usually inside the track by the first “bend”
 - Mark and Marianne got a **separate site** for people to be able to go for some “down time”/quiet time which is further away from the center of the field, the **site number is 410**
 - Mark will be bringing a large tent with about 3 cots, 2 coolers, lanterns, a push broom, wheelbarrow and a camping stove
 - Mark will need help setting up the tent because it’s very large
 - Anyone from our team is welcome to use this site if they want to get some sleep or relax and get away from the noise
 - Liz and John will pickup 2 tables and 6 chairs from the church down the street and bring them on Friday around 2
 - Carol will be bringing our banner, the bracelets, signup cards, and table signage. She will also be checking with Sandy or Sarah about getting a cash box
 - Be mindful of traffic/parking and the time it will take to carry supplies to the site from the vehicles, it might take longer than you think
 - Lawrence can come over to help after 4:00, Marianne after 2:00, Mark can get there between 3:30-4:00
 - Staff asks that we try not to ask to use the Golf carts for carryingsupplies over from vehicles unless necessary
 - Our goal is to be setup by at least 5:00
 - **Participants:** It is important that you all bring your own flashlight/headgear, chairs, food, sleepover items, dry shoes, sunscreen, and bug spray
 - Taryn will bring 2 easy pop up tents in case we need them
 - **Quiet time** is 12am-6am
 - **ABSOLUTELY NO:** open fires, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, firearms, fireworks, pets, basketball, skateboarding, scooters, or flip flops.

- **Closing ceremony is at 6:00** on Saturday, Mark can bring the tables back to the church down the street (with FAITH spelled out in rocks in front)
- **Thank you cards:** We would like to send out Thank Yous to those who donated \$25+ and anyone who made an “in-kind” donation. Carol will put them together and ask the print shop to print them.
- **OTHER MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
 - Taryn regretted to say that she will be moving away very soon, so will not be able to attend our meetings anymore, however, she would like to stay as involved as possible remotely
 - Christina Wiggins, notified Carol that she will need to step down from her role of president at this time.
 - Next meeting we will need to determine how/when we select a **new president**. For now, Vice President, Mark Geoffroy will run the meetings.
 - **Car Show:** This has been postponed to at least next spring. More information to follow.
 - We discussed **changing the By Laws**. In particular, changing the terms of elected officials to a 1 year, non-renewable term (unless no one else runs and the person wants to serve another term). We will discuss these changes at the next meeting.
 - We need at least 4 people present to change the By Laws, at least 4 people stated that they will be available for the July 7 meeting.
 - You can find the By Laws at mwcc.edu/alumni/bylaws
 - July’s meeting will probably be more than 1 hour to rework the by laws.
 - **We will then be taking the month of August off and resuming regular meetings in September.**