

St. Thomas of Villanova
Alumni Association
November 5, 2009

1. Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened at 6:30 with a prayer by Rosemary Kyrlyluk.

2. Attendance:

Regrets: Kevin Mulvey, Don Petrozzi, Barb Charko, Charlene Colautti, Debbie Lepine, Kathy Furlong
Attendance: Rino Marinelli, Rosemary Kyrlyluk, Sandra Fitzgerald

3. Approval of the August 20, 2009 minutes.

It was moved by Rosemary and seconded by Rino to accept the August 20, 2009 minutes.

4. Business arising from August 20, 2009 Minutes.

Financial Report: Don informed me to advise those present at the meeting that as of November 3, 2009 there was \$1,399.00 in the Alumni operating account and \$3,000.00 in a one year term account. These funds are earmarked for seed and/or advance funding for the 25th Anniversary in 2012.

Don also expressed his regrets for not being able to be here tonight. Don's vision is that we find graduates, staff and former staff to run the alumni association. We cannot let the Alumni Association die.

Don advised me that Rino Marinelli has agreed to be our tech support person. This position was described in the August meeting minutes.

We spoke with Rino and he has agreed to fill the three positions previously mentioned, the database, technical support and webmaster, but suggested they be combined to be a Computer Technical person.

Rino then outlined the history of his involvement with the alumni computer, database and Alumni Association. The Alumni now has a stand alone computer which can be accessed off site. Work is being done to develop an easier way of inputting alumni information. To be followed up on.

Discussion ensued regarding approaching the Board to have them recognize and commit to a Secondary School/High School Alumni Association for each school. We are looking for a commitment by the Board to recognize the Secondary School/High School Alumni Associations as an integral entity in conjunction with the Board, the Schools and the School Councils. Alumni Associations are the future of the schools and the Board. Our Board would be forward thinking to recognize and embrace the Alumni Associations idea. This would be a unique concept for our Board and for the Province. We believe that you create your future from your past. At present we are building a formidable past. **There will be need for a volunteer group to come together to prepare a submission to the Director of Education.**

5. Elections

Don reflected to me that he believes that in time we will find graduates to take on the operation of the Alumni Association. We also believe we need the principal and/or her designate to attend the Alumni

meetings. We also believe that we need a representative from the School Council to attend the meetings. As such the following is currently the executive:

Chairperson - Don Petrozzi
Vice-Chairperson - Vacant
Recording Secretary - Sandra Fitzgerald
Computer Technical Person - Rino Marinelli
Treasurer - Debbie Lepine

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

Don told me that he spoke with Kevin Mulvey (Founding Principal) who has kindly agreed to write up the history of the school for our website along with a write up on the school's patron Saint, St. Thomas of Villanova.

8. Date and time for next meeting

Target 2010 to contact select students from each graduating class to join the Alumni and help reach out to class members to join the Alumni and become involved with preparations for 2012. Also, in 2010 we need to find a volunteer willing to be responsible for the advertising for the 25th Reunion. Please contact Sandra Fitzgerald or Don Petrozzi should you wish to assist.

Target 2011 to begin preparations for the 2012 - 25th Reunion.

No date was set for our next meeting, but we propose meeting in March/April 2010.

9. Closing prayer was said by Sandra.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Submitted by:
Sandra J. Fitzgerald
Recording Secretary