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MMA Alumni Council Meeting Minutes Homecoming – October 14, 2017 13:00 – 14:00 Spanier Library

- I. Prayer – Rev. Stewart Bair '70
- II. Action on previous meeting minutes – There was no action taken
- III. Reading of Mission Statement - Read by Dr. David Skipper
- IV. Reports by Standing Committee:
 - A. Alumni Outreach: Dean Simonds '63-
 1. Winery Tours on Friday, October 13 were well attended.
 2. The Hot Air Balloon ride took place the evening of Friday, October 13th
 3. The Reenactment of the Battle of Cedar Creek will be on Sunday at 9am. Mr. Simonds believes it will be well attended and hopes to promote the school.
 - B. Alumni Events: Rev. Stewart Bair –
 1. Alumni Banquet – the numbers have grown
 2. Committee is starting to think of ideas for the 120th Anniversary
 3. Committee would like have an Alumni event in Florida in the Spring 2018.
 - C. Alumni Legacy Program: Rick Ruhlin '69 (Outgoing Chairman) -
 1. Mr. Ruhlin hopes that the incoming chair will work hard to support the school as he has tried to in the past.
 2. Mr. Ruhlin donated flyers (similar to Frisbees) to the Cadet store for sale and distribution to current cadets.
 3. Question was raised by Mr. John Murphy '61 as to when Jack Hamm '67 was voted into the Hall of Fame. Mr. Ham was voted into the Hall of Fame by the executive committee in early 2017. Mr. Murphy pointed out that the rules prohibit more than one Hall of Fame recipient each year and withdrew his nomination of Ms. Donna Locklear. It was requested that the rule be read: Article 14, Section A, Line VI of the Bylaws was read - ***"No more than one MMA Hall of Fame Award shall be awarded in any given year."*** Because of this, Mr. Murphy's 2017 nominee, Donna Locklear, could not be voted into the Hall of Fame this year. Question 2 on the Ballot regarding this was disregarded.
 4. Mr. Ron Mueller '63 offered to chair the Legacy committee and was appointed Chairman by Dr. Skipper.
 - D. Alumni Annual Fund – No Report - *A new chair is needed for this committee*
- V. BOT Alumni Liaison Remarks: Ernie Weatherholtz '65 – Spoke about accomplishments of some of the BOT who are Alums. He then asked the members present to take turns speaking about their accomplishments after their time at MMA.

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Bill Magruder '67, Chair of the Board of Trustees, asked that the Alumni think of way to help the school that does not create additional duties for the academy administration.

HOS Remarks: Dr. Skipper - Provided an update on the academy as of October, 2017:

- We have 111 cadets and are expecting near 120 by the end of December. Doubled day students and middle school students from last year.
- Repel Tower is and running
- JROTC placed 8th in the National JLAB JROTC competition out of 1700+ programs
- Alum Frank Mason III was drafted by the NBA's Sacramento Kings
- International Baccalaureate (IB) application is still in progress
- Mike Campbell, Director of Admissions, and Skipper went to the Native American Indian conference in FL. Mike Campbell will be scheduling a meeting with the Navajo Nation to discuss a possible partnership with MMA. Dr. Skipper plans to meet with Tony Dearman, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Secretary of Education, Ms. Betsy DeVos, in the near future.

VI. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

VII. New Business – The was some discussion regarding some of the wording of questions on the ballot items:

Question 2 – “To approve Mrs. Donna Locklear as a 2017 MMA Hall of Fame Awardee.”
Removed from the ballot.

Question 3 – “To cancel Founder’s Day and give it back to the school” – It was suggested that this be re-written to so that Founder’s day would not be cancelled but have less focus on Alumni activities and more on Parent and Current cadet activities. There was a suggestion to have Founder’s Day be combined with the Military Ball. ***The question with withdrawn by Mr. Campbell who posed it and it is removed from the ballot.***

Question 6 – Page 3, Section 11. To Add “That all alumni council business be live-streamed and/or tele-conference capable for alumni not able to be present.” **Amended to add provision for internet safety security and to have email announcement sent out prior to the event.**

Vote on items presented:

Ballot Results (26 Ballots received)

Question 1 – Page 1, Section 3 –C, The Alumni Council. To take out the words “Members of the four Standing Committees, and add the word: All”. Will read: All Alumni.”

Yes- 24

No- 1

Abstain -1

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Question 4 – To set up a timeline to either fill all positions on the Alumni Council or re-evaluate the goals of the council.

Yes- 21

No- 3

Abstain -2

Question 5 – Page 1, Section 4 – to add Item C: “That the Board of Trustees (BOT) is no longer allowed to vote on Alumni Council Items.” Will read: “C. That Board of Trustees (BOT) members are not permitted to vote on Alumni Council items.”

Yes - 7

No - 18

Abstain -1

Question 6 – Page 3, Section 11. To Add “That all alumni council business be live-streamed and/or tele-conference capable for alumni not able to be present.” (*With Addendum - add safety security and have email announcement prior to the event.*)

Yes - 20

No - 4

Abstain - 2

Comment: Mr. Oakland McCulloch reminded the group of the importance of civility and common courtesy when presenting or discussing matters during the meetings. He pointed out that especially newer alumni can become intimidated and turned off from participating when they attend meetings and are exposed to animosities and negativity. There was general consensus and agreement with his sentiments.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Attendees

Dean Simonds '63
Val Mathews '56
Melody Hutsell '79
William Magruder '67
Ernie Weatherholtz '65
Fernando Urea Melchor '60
Frank Campbell '01
Lori Campbell '00
Rick Ruhlin '69
Jeff Llera '94
Bryan Segall '90
Stephen Merhl '68
Stewart Bair '70
William Alemar
Jadd Halawani'07
Aleksey Mikheyev '08
Aileen Whalen '96
Alan Haines '67
Audrey Fowler '08
Oakland McCulloch '07

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Charles Breckenridge '08
Raymond Muirhead '67
Steven Halawani (Jadd Halawani's Dad)
Bob Gilbert '57
Ron Mueller '63
John Murphy '61
Mike Conner – Board of Trustees
David Skipper – Head of School
Sherry Robinson – Academy Staff
William Craig – Academy Staff

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