

SMA Alumni Association (SMAAA) Board Minutes
Tuesday, October 07, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 P.M. by Harry Bruckno, President.

ATTENDEES

Bruckno, Harry	Davis, Tom	Holmes, Burdette
Lawrence, Lee W.	Bissett, Bill	Lowe, Jack
Phillips, Tom	Martin, Harvie	Parker, Robert
Hanson, Craig		

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Harry Bruckno announced that Curtis Productions, a TV production company, is asking for information and pictures of one of our alumni, who was featured in the movie "Silence of the Lambs". (Sorry, Hannibal is NOT an alumni.) The board's shared opinion is that the production company is welcome to visit the museum and scan any photos they find in the yearbooks and Kablegram, but our staff does not have the time to pursue this issue for the firm.

The Reunion Committee Report was presented by Harry Bruckno.

- Rooms have been reserved at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel (102), and as of today (October 7), there are 61 taken for Saturday and 42 taken for Friday. If you want a room at the Stonewall, reserve it now!
- A speaker has not yet been confirmed. President Fox of MBC was recommended highly. Harry will discuss it with her.
- A band and room rental cost almost \$4,200 last year. It is the opinion of the board that unless a class of group of classes wishes to pay for a band, we will hire a DJ for the next reunion.
- It was noted that over 50 free invitations were extended for the last reunion. It is the opinion of the board that 50 is too many. A list of invitees is being distributed to the board members who will return their recommendations for changes.

The Museum Report was presented by Jack Lowe.

- Storage Room. Additional bids are still being sought. Discussions will be held with MBC concerning the removal of their items in the storage area.
- Heating System. No report.
- Office door. Discussion concerning the replacement of the old, wooden door were reopened. In the interest of protecting our staff, the board agrees that the new door should be a solid door (either wood or metal) with outdoor lighting. There should be a method to allow the staff to see who is requesting admittance without first opening the door to do so. Harry Bruckno will look into the possible security enhancements.

No other committee reports were presented.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

VWILL Initiative. It was noted that the Class of '74 has declared their intention to deliver a check for at least \$15,000 at the reunion. Harry Bruckno recommends that the board establish an Honor Company type of award to be given on an annual basis to the class that donates the most to the Initiative. He suggests that the SMA Guide On would be carried by a member of the Honor Company (class), and that the class would be identified with a banner attached to the Guide On. Harry also suggested that we provide honorary commissions from the SMA/VWIL Alumni

Association based upon a members donations to the Initiative. (Here's your chance to become a Virginia Colonel!)

Harry Bruckno has prepared a letter to all SMA alumni requesting that they quickly pay their dues and make their reservations for the next reunion. Normally, this request would have been in the Fall edition of the Kablegram which has been delayed until at least Thanksgiving.

The next telcon will be held on Wednesday, November 12, at 5:00PM. Watch your e-mail for confirmation.

The meeting was adjourned.