

Sigma Theta Tau Meeting Minutes for 7/07/09 1700-1800 at 7th & Elm Bar and Grill

In attendance:

Joanne Goldbort

Andre Kummerow

Marcee Everly

Constance Thomas

Amy Beasley

Debra Posthumus

1. Treasurer's Report:
 - Checking \$5340.36
 - Savings \$13989.04

2. Gala Update and further Discussions:
 - A. The Gala will be held on 10/17/09 from 7pm-1130pm in the Landsbaum Center Atrium; 2 additional rooms will be utilized, one for food, and one for the Silent Auction.
 - B. Catering for the Gala will be discussed at the September meeting. Marcee has the name of several potential caterers, given to her by Leslie Krockenberger. She will bring menus and prices to the September meeting.
 - C. Silent Auction letters were distributed to those present. Types of items were discussed. All present were encouraged to garner items from any community contacts.
 - D. Poster/Flyers/Invitations: Marcee discussed making preliminary mock-ups for approval. Marcee asked Joanne to forward an email with an attachment of the previous year's flyer. It was decided that Marcee will email Joanne her mock-up when completed.
 - E. Who will be invited: as it is the 20th Anniversary, prominent community members, University leaders, past Sigma presidents should all be invited. Ways of creating a list were discussed. Joanne stated she would email the existing Sigma data base with a "save the date" email.
 - F. Publicity: An announcement will need to be sent to the Tribune Star in October. Two television spots are scheduled: WTWO at their station in Farmersburg 10/13/09 at 6am, unsure at this time who will be interviewed; and WTHI in Terre Haute on 10/5/09 at noon.
 - G. Insurance Certificate for the Gala: Marcee has made several calls to Sigma National for an insurance certificate. She stated she will continue to call until one has been obtained.
 - H. Decorations: previously used decorations will be used.

3. Induction in April: last Sunday in April, 4/25/10 at 1pm.
 - A. Joanne stated she will be speaking to Dan Dessa (sp?) of IU to speak at the Induction.

- B. Some discussing regarding changing future Inductions to the fall, to be discussed at the September Meeting, when more are in attendance.
 - C. Selection of Students: The Sigma By-laws have changed to reflect an easier way to select students. Previously it included a g.p.a. ranking of students which will no longer be used. The current method specifies new inductees will be chosen from nursing students with a cumulative g.p.a. of 3.5 or higher. Any further criteria will be discussed at the September meeting and will need to be voted on for the Chapter By-laws.
4. A suggestion was made to increase interest in serving as a Chapter Officer that National dues be paid for the officers by the chapter treasury. This will be discussed again and may be voted on in September, and will need to be included in the chapter By-laws. Also, we will need to review the By-laws for terms of officers (currently 2 years) and a further discussion will be needed if there is interest in changing them.
 5. Holiday celebration and Ornament Auction: December 8th, 2009, at 6pm at the Olive Garden (date is tentative at this time.)
 6. Community Sponsorship/Social Service Project: a discussion regarding what will be this year's community project. Last year we gave money to local flood relief efforts, conference speakers and SNA. Joanne asked for suggestions at the next meeting.
 7. ISU Nursing Welcome Back: unsure of date at this time but possibly 9/8/09. Will need to communicate via email before this event to schedule an officer to have a table there.
 8. Next meeting will be 9/08/09 at 5pm at the Nursing Lounge. Pizza and drinks were discussed.

This report is respectfully submitted by
Debra Posthumus, Secretary