

AMA Alumni Foundation, Inc.
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2019

10:35 am Board of Trustees meeting called to order

- Pledge of Allegiance earlier before Association meeting and Invocation by Gordon Metz
- Roll call
 - On Campus: Ed Rogerville, John Arthur, Gary Morrison, Steve Trent, Brett Thompson, Gordon Metz, Gary Cripps, Neil Fitzgerald, Phil Bentley, Stride Coleman, Victor Gomez,
 - Via Phone: B.J. d’Orsay, Tom Del Valle, George Reeves, Doug Pennock

Treasurer’s Report

- 2018 financial statement
- Comments
 - Gary Cripps: Quickbooks looks good, Gary making good progress with Neil
 - Within first week of every month, P&L statement will go to chairman.
 - Positive cash balance for Association
 - Reunion, about \$22,000 – \$16,000 =~ \$6,500 net profit
 - YTD, May 3, -\$10,700
 - Need Budget for 2019, Ed will send 2018 budget to Gary
 - Moving Quick Books to cloud in progress, for online access. (Brett has done this and offered suggestions to Gary)
 - Ed asked about changing banks, due to procedural problems during directorship transition. Neil is working with them, it’s working itself out, no need to change.
 - Extended discussion about need for certified reviews of financials. 2014-2016 are at the museum. Gary will proceed with getting 2017 and 2018 done.
 - Four bank accounts may be reduced to one or two, Gary will investigate
 - Gary will send out 2019, ytd, reports.
 - Gary will send out 2018 financial reports.
 - Doug asked for financial report of reunion.

Museum Director’s Report

- Reunion review – went well, considering Neil’s first time. Gordon commented about need for analysis of silent auction and raffle. Quantity versus quality. Joe Garry has donated back for next year.
- Museum – word is getting out. Brochures are successfully bringing in more visitors. June 6, 38 visitors, 7 tours. Memorial day, served hotdogs, 34 visitors, 6 tours.

- Gift Shoppe – Sales are up. Ed: get numbers to Gary, comparative over last few years. Neil sent photos to Jim Atchison, to update site by next week.

Old Business

- Bylaw review – Ed: Gary sent out latest iteration;
 - Comments:
 - Ed: two authorized to sign checks, but only one required. Neil, Ed Click, Traylor, and Rogerville currently authorized on Foundation Account. Gary will modify wording.
 - Doug: suggested need to go to bank Monday to have signature cards updated: remove Traylor, add Cripps.
 - Doug moved to accept with proposed changes above. Cripps seconded. Gary commented to the change in name from “Trustee” to “Director”. No one objected. Voted: none apposed. Motion carries,
- Fund raising/affluent alumni –
 - Ed has the list, will review the list with Neil to begin researching three of them prior to contacting.
 - Intern update: several applications received. Interns will be doing some of this alumni research.
 - Ed asked for comments, none received.
- Roller Society – The list, file is a mess. Neil is in process of cleaning membership up. One item will be to ask for renewed commitment. Gordon commented on need for better recognition when someone joins.

New Business

- “Honoring Our Heroes Among Us”, August 20th, Greater Augusta Chamber of Commerce, police fire and emergency responders. Being heavily advertised. Moving to gym, for lunch, 11:00 negotiating with church for free use. 150-160 expected from local community. Need participation. Country Kitchen providing light lunch.
- No date yet for VMI march.
- Facebook – Need an “Official” page. Brett: Motion to have an official page. Tabled. Doug suggests a strong disclaimer, that this is official and the only one that officially represents the Foundation, and the other groups are not official. And invite everyone to join for official announcements and information about the Foundation. Doug moves that museum page be converted to the official page of the Foundation, seconded, all approved
- Walking Tour/John Plashal – September 21. FB “Abandoned in Virginia” he photographs and documents abandoned buildings. He holds events, charges admission (we will share in proceeds), catering truck, 150-200 anticipated. Big screen in arch,

show AMA Way. Church is OK with it. Group tours inside barracks, 15-20 people at a time, liability releases will be signed.

- BJ suggested joining the Chamber of Commerce. All agreed. Motion by Doug to join. No second. Gordon motioned, seconded, to allow Ed to gather info together and proceed as he sees fit. All voted affirmative.
- Gordon suggested we wear AMA logo'd shirts for these events. Ed asked if we are willing to spend up to \$40 or so, so we can look unified at these events. Brett suggested keeping it local, grey shirts like we used to wear. Discussion about logo and lettering.

Next Meeting: September 21.

BOT Meeting Adjourns 12:05 Doug Moved, Gordon seconded, all approved.