Viterbo University Alumni Association

Thursday, November 6, 2014, 5:30–6 p.m.
Reinhart Center – Room 127

Members Present: Julie Bartels, Jackie Baures, Dimitar Dzikov, Margaret Hammell, Juan Jimenez, Joelle Kaufman, Diane Knothe, Karen Kouba, Sr Marie Kyle, Katie Marti, Leah Misch, Katie Rowan-Koenen, Abby Ryan, Kristina Schoh, Ed Smudde, Cassandra Walters

Ex-Officio: Kathy Duerwachter, Alumni Director


I. Call to Order by President-Elect Joelle Kaufman: 5:30 p.m.

II. Prayer and Intentions by Juan Jimenez

III. Approve Minutes from August Board Meeting: Move to approve by Juan Jimenez, seconded by Ed Smudde, minutes approved.

IV. Executive Committee Update by Joelle Kaufman: Juan Jimenez and Leah Misch have joined the executive committee. We welcome Dimitar Dzikov to his first alumni board meeting.

V. Alumni Board Resolution: Joelle Kaufman and Kathy Duerwachter: Reminder that we seek 100% board participation in giving to Viterbo. Board members may complete form and mail it in or go online to donate electronically. Please submit by the end of the year. Members may specify an area or make a general donation. Gary Klein mentioned that the family of Wendy Storandt, who passed away this week, has established a scholarship in her name. Another opportunity is the Sister Celestine Alumni Children’s Scholarship. If you have any questions you can contact Shawn Keenan or Kathy Duerwachter.

VI. Viterbo Day of Service: Joelle Kaufman and Kathy Duerwachter

A. Remember to record your service hours on the website. Consider opportunities for the Viterbo Day of Service on Martin Luther King Day, January 19 2015. Leah Misch has some great ideas. We are working with Jasper Duberry, Viterbo student, to create a video that will be placed on our Facebook page and the 125th anniversary website. The video will share the story of Martin Luther King, Jr. and how we can serve in the community. Leah has volunteered to help with the video, and anyone is welcome to participate. Give your ideas to Leah, Joelle, Kathy, or Patrick. We’re trying to put it together before Christmas.
B. Kathy mentioned the 12,500 pound food donation by Viterbo alumni Derek Burnstad and Mark Skogen. Viterbo will match this donation to benefit area pantries.

C. Share your pictures of your volunteer activities for the Viterbo Day of Service. The upcoming issue of Strides will include ideas on entering your hours and pictures.

VII. Viterbo Days Update: Kathy Duerwachter

A. Overall good attendance from board members, thank you. We had over 300 participants and volunteers for the 5K event. If you have any feedback regarding the weekend’s events, let the alumni office know.

B. Kathy introduced Holly Dwyer and Nick Zwieg from the alumni office.

C. Past and present alumni honorees were in attendance at tonight’s meeting: Carolyn Hogan, Kristina Schoh, and Margaret Hammell.

VIII. Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, November 11 – Speed Mock Interview – 5:30 – 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 18, Countdown to Commencement Event – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 5 – Festival of Lights and Carols – 7-9 p.m.
- Saturday, December 6 – Alumni Children’s Christmas Party – 10 a.m. – noon
- Saturday, December 13 – Commencement Quick Stop Station 9:45 – 11:00 am
- Monday, January 19 – Viterbo Day of Service

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m. for Carolyn Woo reception and presentation.

Next Board Meeting
Saturday, Feb. 21 – Alumni Board Meeting – 8:30 am, Wall of Fame Ceremony, Homecoming