

Ogeechee Tech Alumni Association
Board Meeting
February 8, 2010
Noon
Joe Kennedy Conference Room

Present: Margaret Crosby, Cally D'Angelo, Ken Friend, Jaime Riggs, Angela Tyson, Beth Mathews, and Kathleen Kosmoski

Absent; Lori Crawford

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Introductions were made and welcomed new member Angela Tyson. Margaret Crosby joined the meeting late and was welcomed at that time. Cally agreed to take minutes for the meeting. Officers will be elected at the next meeting in hopes of having a full membership.

The minutes of the December meeting were read. A correction was made. The graduation fee is \$3.00 not \$5.00. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Old Business

Graduation Gala will be held on Monday, March 1, 2010 from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm and from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. The Gala provides an opportunity for graduates to order their cap and gown for commencement, pay their graduation fees, and visit with the Alumni Association and Career Services. Jaime will help with the early session. Ken, Angela, and Cally will check their schedules and notify Kathleen.

Beth Mathews reviewed the 2010 *iGot* Campaign. The Bulloch County community blitz will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, with a kickoff breakfast at 8 am at OTC. Volunteers will be in pairs to visit business in Bulloch County and ask for a donation. Cally and Angela would like to participate.

Graduation is Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 7 pm at Hanner Fieldhouse on the Georgia Southern University campus. The beach ball drop was discussed. The graduates enjoy the event. The difficulty is devising a way to drop the balls from the rafters. Last year's system seemed to work well. The balls are funded through the \$3.00 graduation fee that comes from Student Affairs. Beth will talk with Ryan Foley, Acting Vice President for Student Affairs to see if they wish to continue with this project. The Alumni Reception tent was not successful. The Board would rather have a table in the hallway during rehearsal and distribute crackers, water, and wish the

graduates well. The Board also discussed having a portable steamer for those graduates who need a last minute touch-up to their gowns.

The board discussed holding an alumni reunion event with faculty and staff at Splash in the Boro. Jaime discussed the CVB co-sponsoring the beach balls and then bring them to Splash and have a beach ball race on the lazy river. The graduation fee generates approximately \$1,800 and the Alumni Association ordered approximately 600 beach balls last year. Jaime will contact Splash on price and look into the co-sponsorship of the beach balls.

New Business

The board reviewed the by-laws. Many corrections, additions, deletions, and changes were made. Beth will check with Student Affairs on the wording for non-graduating credit hours. Kathleen will make the corrections to the by-laws and email out to the Board for final review at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Board will be March 2, 2010 at noon in the Joe Kennedy Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cally D'Angelo