



COE-BROWN NORTHWOOD ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET MEETING MINUTES June 12, 2010

President Debbie Marden called the meeting to order

- **Recording of Meeting**

President Debbie Marden announced that our Annual Alumni meeting would be recorded.

- **Thank You**

President Debbie Marden thanked the Cardinal's, LLC for preparing another wonderful meal. She also gave thanks to Headmaster Smith for giving the school tour again this year. Thank you's were given to Willie Pierce, Sr. and Willie Pierce, Jr., custodians of CBNA, for all their help with the banquet set up.

- **Class of 1980**

President Marden introduced Lisa Allen Kennard, class of 1980 (which marks their 30th year), who spoke on initiating a four-year food drive named the Doug Jackson Memorial Food Drive. Collected goods (canned goods or food staple) will be donated to local food pantries. Each year a different town will be receiving their collected gift. This year will be Northwood, 2011 will be Nottingham, 2012 will be Strafford and 2013 will be Deerfield. Lisa thanked those who donated.

- **Presentations & Honoring of Special People**

Roberta Stearns spoke on behalf of the alumni association. She noted that the alumni association recognizes the support of our Coe-Brown administration and in appreciation of their support, the association extends lifetime honorary membership to Headmaster David Smith who has served as headmaster for thirty years and Assistant Headmaster Paul Davis who has been with the academy for thirty two years. We welcome them to the Alumni Association.

Jim Colburn, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, was pleased to dedicate two individuals, Paul Colby, who came to work for the academy in 1974 and retired in 1997, and Willie Pierce, Sr., who began working for the academy in 1990 through the present. The dedication of the

new maintenance building will be named for Mr. Colby and Mr. Pierce and will be known as the Colby/Pierce Maintenance Facility.

Robert Bailey honored the memory of his longtime friend, George Geers. He spoke of their lives together and the bond they shared. They entered Coe-Brown in the fall of 1941; their favorite sport was baseball. In the early '80's George served on the Board of Trustees. George became interested in the need of a second athletic field for Coe-Brown; there had not been a new ball field since 1903. George had a plan; he would provide the equipment and the operator to begin the makings of a new field. Bruce Rollins did the final grading and Bob provided the loam. Under the direction of custodian Paul Colby, students and teachers picked rocks, raked and seeded to finish the job. George's generosity and vision will be appreciated and remembered for a long time. A slide show presentation for Mr. Geers was done by Jessica Snider to help her grandfather in honoring George. Stacy Sweet, representing CBNA, helped with the A/V equipment.

- **Maple syrup gift**

Vice President Charles Bailey gave out a quart of maple syrup to the recipients:

The eldest member present, Helen Marison, class of 1936.
Ryan Drown and Leah Foley were the youngest members present, class of 2010.
Traveling the furthest, Lance Twombly, coming from Alaska, class of 1990.

- **Awards**

Vice president Charles Bailey and secretary Amy Paine presented two award certificates and flowers to two special individuals. Debbie Burklund Marden and Robin Burklund Drown. Debbie and Robin were both recognized for their years of service and all they have done for the alumni association.

- **50/50 Raffle**

The 50/50 raffle took in five hundred fifty-two dollars (\$552.00). The money was divided between two winners, each receiving one hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00). The first winner was Fred Holmes, class of 1971. Fred made a contribution of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of his winnings to the alumni association. Frank Richards had the second winning ticket and generously donated all of his winnings back to the alumni association. Amy Paine thanked them both for their generosity towards the alumni association.

- **Door Prize**

This year's door prize winner was Michelle D'Allesandro Evans, class of 1989. She won the beautiful unfinished cherry blanket chest donated by Coe-Brown's woodworking shop, under the direction of Dana Haley.

- **Quilts/Class of 1960 (50th Class Reunion)**

Edith Twombly Kimball, class agent for the class of 1960, had a raffle table set up for two hand made quilts. The quilts were made and donated by Phyllis MacPherson, class advisor. Helen Marison, class of 1936, won the 42” x 42” quilt and Roberta Witham, class of 1968, won the 52” x 60” quilt. The raffle brought in two hundred and thirty-four dollars (\$234.00) and was donated back to Coe-Brown Academy.

This year marks the 50th class reunion for the class of 1960. They had nineteen (19) graduates; unfortunately they have lost five (5) classmates. Out of the fourteen (14) remaining graduates, eight (8) were in attendance for the banquet.

- **Alumni Association update**

President Debbie Marden noted that the alumni association has had a busy year. There were more frequent meetings. A lot of hard work was given to update our by-laws. We also worked on the improvement of our annual banquet. Deb noted that there were a record number of people attending the banquet this year. We had one hundred and ninety four (194) attendees.

- **School Report/Development Report/Trustee Report**

President Marden introduced Headmaster Smith.

Headmaster Smith thanked the Geers family and noted the appreciation the school has for George Geers. Headmaster Smith congratulated Paul Colby and Willie Pierce, Sr., for their years of dedication to the school.

Headmaster Smith gave a report on Coe-Brown, summarizing on the difficulty of being a teacher/educator these days in the classroom. He noted some of the many changes that have occurred over the years. There are one hundred and ninety seven (197) freshmen this year that will receive a laptop computer to be used for their four years of education. This is a pilot program that they are very excited about. There were one hundred fifty-nine (159) graduating seniors this year. This was a very good year for student athletes. The girl’s softball team won the championship! He noted the outstanding music and drama departments. There are many varieties of clubs students can become involved in at Coe-Brown. Headmaster Smith gave thanks and appreciation for the all the support of Coe-Brown Academy.

Margaret Joyce, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, gave a report of the development committee. This year’s project is the laptops. The development committee has committed to donate twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) towards this project. Margaret also spoke on behalf of the music department, regarding buying a key to go towards the purchase of the baby grand piano. You may buy a whole key for two hundred

fifty dollars (\$250.00) and your name would go on a plaque on the piano. Donations can be any denomination. There were a record number of golfers this year; fifty-nine (59) golfers raised more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the academy's endowment fund. Paul Guptill was recognized and the Board of Trustees voted to re-name the CBNA Alumni and Friends golf tournament to the CBNA Paul Guptill '52 Golf Tournament. Margaret thanked all so much for their support.

Jim Colburn, President of the Board of Trustees, gave a trustees report. He noted the board is looking forward to long-range facility planning issues. They are proposing to add another field and access road from the field area to Bow Lake Road; they are waiting for DES approval, in hopes to have it open this fall. They have hired a consulting firm to develop a multi year business plan to help allow the board of trustees to do appropriate planning. The board appreciates the support of the alumni association.

- **Secretary Report**

President Marden asked if all had the opportunity to read the secretary's report and if anyone had any errors or omissions. No one noted any errors or omissions. President Marden entertained a vote to accept the report as written. A motion was made by Alan O'Neal to accept the report as written; motion was seconded, voted on and accepted. Minutes will be placed on file.

- **Treasurer Report**

Carolyn Knox O'Neal, Treasurer of the Alumni Association, gave a detailed description of the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report will be placed on file with the secretary's report and Carolyn has extra copies if anyone would like the detailed information.

A special note on our scholarship account - when Polly Pinkham held the position of scholarship chair, her goal was to reach one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). We are excited to note that our ending balance is one hundred and one thousand, six hundred thirty dollars and ninety cents (\$101,630.90).

- **Scholarship Report**

Anne Bailey, Scholarship Chairperson, gave the scholarship report. The alumni association awarded seven (7), five hundred dollar (\$500.00) scholarships. The recipients of the scholarships were:

Rebecca Paine, class of 2009, attending New Hampshire Technical Institute
Kyle Starkweather, class of 2008, attending Boston University
Leah Foley, class of 2010, attending Colby Sawyer College
Ryan Drown, class of 2010, attending Colby Sawyer College
Sarah Hanrahan, class of 2010, attending University of New England
Jacob Brownell, class of 2010, attending University of Massachusetts - Amherst

Kelley Brown, class of 2010, attending University of Massachusetts - Amherst

We are now on the CBNA website for alumni and graduating seniors to apply for our scholarships. This year we had thirty-eight (38) applicants. Of those, thirty-one (31) were graduating seniors, and seven (7) were alumni. The alumni association encourages any alumni to apply.

- **Proposed By-Law Changes**

Anne Bailey read our mission statement; she noted the purpose of the proposed by-laws and summarized by reading the changes. She encouraged attendees to accept the by-law changes.

There was discussion on the associate member regarding the positions of recording secretary and corresponding secretary.

Alan O'Neal noted a point of order; we need to put the proposed by-laws on the table for discussion. Ashton Welch made the motion to put the by-laws on the table for discussion. Motion was seconded by Anne Bailey.

A motion was made by Lisa Kennard to amend the associate member category to Associate Members can hold any position on the Executive Board with the exception of President, Vice President, Treasurer or Scholarship Chair. Motion was seconded by Julie Snell, voted on and carried.

There was discussion on the dissolution statement.

Carolyn O'Neal spoke on why we wanted to update our dissolution statement.

Katie Bernier made a motion to amend the dissolution of the association statement to add that the assets of the scholarship funds would be given to Coe-Brown for the purpose of scholarship. Motion was seconded, voted on and carried.

There was discussion on "pays annual dues".

Alan O'Neal made a motion to strike the words "pays annual dues" from Page 1 Section B, under a regular member. Motion seconded, voted on and carried.

Carolyn O'Neal noted there were three (3) proposed amendment changes, then asked if there was any other questions or concerns of the by-laws as we are proposing to change them. Carolyn suggested we move the by-laws as amended. By-laws were voted on and accepted.

- **Slate of Officers for 2010-2011**

President Marden announced the proposed slate of officers for 2010-2011:

President (2 year term) - Charles S. Bailey

Vice-President - Nancy Wilson Tasker

Secretary - Amy Stanley Paine

Corresponding Secretary - Jessica Marden Weeks

Scholarship Chair - Debbie Burklund Marden

Members at Large - Robin Burklund Drown, Cheryl Allen Jackson, Linda Lovely Eastman, Rebecca Paine, Julie Smith Clarke

Deb asked if there were any other nominations from the floor for any positions.

Polly Finlayson made the motion to elect Julie Smith Clarke for president. Motion was seconded. The slate was amended for the position of president to include both Charles S. Bailey and Julie Smith Clarke.

The remaining slate of officer names were read, voted on and elected.

Charles Bailey and Julie Smith Clarke were each given five (5) minutes to speak in regards to their candidacy for the position of president of the alumni association. President Marden allowed alumni time for questions. A vote was called; Charles Bailey had the majority of votes and was elected as the 2010-2012 president of the alumni association. Julie Smith Clarke accepted the position of a member at large.

Meeting adjourned by President Marden.

➤ **Next Annual Banquet: Saturday, June 11, 2011**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Stanley Paine '78
Recording Secretary