



Upper Arlington Alumni Association
Board Meeting September 15, 2020, 5:00 – 6:30
Zoom Video Conference

Tony Callander
Sarah Eagleson
Nic Fortkamp
Jack Graf
Bill Hall
Catherine Kennedy
Sam McCoy
Gary Nack
Jennie Ravary
Doug Trotter
Beth Wroe
Nic Fortkamp

Ambassadors:
Krish Mawalkar
Kate Mason
Caroline Langmeyer
Abby Vitali
Luca Nogiera (spelling)
Elizabeth Goth

Alice Finley, Exec Dir
Megan Potts, Ass't Dir

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Catherine
3. Introducing Ambassadors: Charge is to be very involved; speak up; help with committees. Please feel free to leverage them as best you can. Here to help the board.
 - a. Luca Nogiera: plays soccer/senior
 - b. Elizabeth Goth: varsity lax
 - c. Caroline Langmeyer: junior, field hockey, soccer
 - i. Excited because there's going to be some kind of Homecoming event, something they didn't think they'd have.
 - d. Natalie Harrison: senior, involved in the choral and orchestra programs, passionate about music, also has her own club, called Art Takeover (helping with

Start With Hello Week, get to paint a mural outside the school when they go back)

- e. Krish: starting a new club on youth facing disadvantages, for example with students who have barriers to participating in school
 - f. Kate Mason: senior at high school; involved in choral department (the most interesting thing that she is looking forward to and wondering how they're going to do it virtually); she plays lacrosse with Elizabeth, goalie; involved with Ambassadors of Change (Start With Hello Week); has her own club for ALS awareness; she's a Junior Director with UACA (wondering how we can coordinate with both organizations). Start With Hello: name tags, knowing people's names, creating an inclusive community. There will be artwork inside and outside of the school. They're working on a video to show.
 - g. Abby Vitali: senior, plays piano and cello, orchestras at the high school; Ambassadors for Change, Student Innovation Team, IDEA Day (though won't likely happen); she is switching from EDL to OA for school. She misses the class transitions at school because it's good exercise (since she's short and has to rush!), and she misses seeing people's faces.
4. Board Intro for Ambassadors:
- a. Bill Hall, 79, yearbook editor
 - b. Doug Trotter, 72, Immediate Past President, rascal
 - c. Beth Wroe, 73, Officer her junior year, has been on the board for a long time and is finishing out her term
 - d. Jennie, 71, didn't get a calculator until her junior year
 - e. Gary Nack, 65
 - f. Jack Graf, Vice President, 65, school government
 - g. Sarah Eagleson, 72, remembers Doug as a party kid, went to France for 6 weeks, and altogether cost \$1000
 - h. Tony Callander, 95, 1st year on board, played football, track, basketball, and his girlfriend was class president
 - i. Catherine Kennedy, 99, rowed crew, worked at Graeter's and Red Door, excited to work with Natalie on Art Takeover and Pleasant Litchford
5. Ambassador Update:
- a. Has kept in touch with first graduated ambassador, Will Reynolds. We approved a grant for Will (\$500) to give back to the school district. Amanda Fountain from WARL, wrote a grant request so they can livestream athletic games and other events going on at the high school. Knowing the Will was so involved with the station, he has agreed to put that grant toward this project.
6. Nominations Committee:
- a. Four members rolling off.
 - b. Jack Graf as VP is the head of the Nominating Committee. Three members have to be on this, and one has to be a member of the UAEEF, so it will be Angela. For the UAAA Board will be Catherine and Tony.

- c. Need to schedule meeting. Alice to send a Doodle. Need to come up with criteria for this. Aiming to schedule next week. We are only as good as the people on the board.
 - d. Alice says UAEF is using a matrix so we can see what kind of diversity we want to achieve...age, race, gender, etc. So, we can also use this method to fill in gaps. We can also consider people who are not living here in Columbus.
 - e. Alice has a list of possible targets.
- 7. Athletic Hall of Fame: Tony
 - a. Still emailing back and forth. Tony, the AD, has a lot on his plate. So it's not on the top of his mind. We have communication out there. It's in his court. Waiting on him to reply.
- 8. Communications: Catherine
 - a. Worked on framing out the next newsletter. Have a couple of alumni spotlights to complete and some stories to include. Would like to feature new UAAA Ambassadors. Class of 64 and 65 story: leftover letters from a teacher. UAAA to help find those students. They found five of six of the missing. Would like to invite the ambassadors to do some of the alumni spotlights. 60 years later (a letter they wrote themselves)
- 9. Financial Report: (Bill/Catherine)
 - a. Same as July. Bottom line balance is up \$50.
- 10. Outstanding and Distinguished Alumni: (Bill)
 - a. Document the timeline, process and procedure (Alice has)
 - b. Discussion about having a Young Alumni Award. It's worth some brainstorming this fall, so as we start thinking about nomination period, we'll have it ready to go. Idea of this award is to recognize a young alumni.
 - c. Would like some people work together to organize around those two things. Would need to define. 30 years old and younger? This could also align with an associate board.
 - d. Need to clear up ambiguity
- 11. Reunions
 - a. Have a meeting around reunions. Do we do the reunion meeting in the fall. We did the survey and we need to look at that feedback. This year could be very important because we will likely have a doubled-up year.
 - b. We might want to send the survey out again with next year's organizers.
 - c. Need to provide the most support to 5s and 10s. Put the binder information online.
 - d. Alice would like to research other alumni associations to see what they do around alumni reunions. Would like to learn what else we can do outside of helping them with their events. Krish, Jack, and Jennie volunteer to help with this. Can call around to other alumni associations to find out what they do for reunions. There is interest in combining years to improve attendance.
- 12. Education Foundation Update (Alice)
 - a. UAEF is getting ready to do some strategic positioning. Have hired a consultant to help us through the process.

- b. They just finished a fundraising campaign that they developed because they couldn't have their normal fundraiser event Golden Bear Bash. They had an online event. They had a Bash in a Box. Shared their mission. It did really well. Thank you to everyone who supported that.
- c. This would have been our 14th annual Bash.
- d. Masquerade and donate related to the year you graduated. Just started brainstorming that. Could be a fun idea. Could live stream the game and some of the events.
- e. Have been giving grants. Another interesting grant that we're looking at is that Hastings and Jones are asking for author for Secrets Under the Parking Lot to speak and grant is for the books. They discovered remains.
- f. Update about Pleasant Litchford.
- g. Next time would have update from Paul Imhoff to share about what is going on in district.

13. Adjourn