

Upper Arlington Alumni Association
Board Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2020

A meeting of the Association was held by electronic media (ZOOM) at 5:00 pm after due notice was sent to all Board Members.

The following were present: Board Members- Doug Trotter, Bill Hall, Sarah Eagleston, Nic Fortkamp, Sam McCoy, Tony Callander, Beth Wroe, Gary Nack, Jack Graf, with Alice Finley and Megan Lewis Potts. Absent were: Catherine Kennedy, and Jennie Ravary. Guest Randi Stummer, a Board member of UA+Ed was in attendance. President Bill Hall served as Chair of the meeting who determined that a quorum was present, convened the meeting, and proceeded with its business following the distributed agenda attached.

The minutes of the January 7, 2020 meeting were then discussed without correction and therefore adopted as submitted.

Committees presented their reports to the Board as follows:

A) Open House -

Tony announced that alternate plans were being considered since the High School building will be unavailable due to the pandemic. The theme of the year is "United We Roar." The committee plans to put a large banner at the Ridgeview entrance. In addition, the wooden Jones Middle School bears will be placed in the yard thus providing a photo-op for Alumni. An electronic tour of the building based upon submitted Alumni memories will be distributed to members.

The Art Takeover was cancelled due also to the pandemic. Therefore, the event which is supported by the UA+Ed was moved to the UA parks and will also be represented alongside our presentation at the High School and should be entered into the Home Decorating Contest.

B) Ambassador Program-

Sam and Nic reported that fifteen students have applied to fill the vacant Ambassador positions on our board due to the graduation of Will Reynolds and the planned increase to two Juniors and two Seniors. Two juniors and one senior will be invited to be Ambassadors for 2021. Abby Vitali will be in her second year but as a Senior Ambassador. The field will be narrowed to 8 for 15-minute electronic interviews. It was noted that in the original concept an Ambassador would be asked to attend at least one UAAA Board meeting per year. The Committee has discussed the need for balance in their deliberations. Alice is documenting the aspects of this entire process so that it can become consistent through the years to come.

C) Foundation Update-

Alice noted that there will not be an in-person 2020 Bear Bash due to the pandemic. Further details will be forthcoming as they become available.

The Board approved using the Auld fund to help provide the Summer Meals Program with funds as was requested by the School System. The UAAA will be joining the UA Community Foundation, UA Rotary, Tri-Village Rotary, UA+Ed, and numerous individual donors in this funding effort.

The Foundation will be able to participate in the Big Give supported by the Columbus Foundation.

D) Awards-

The Award Committee has selected Aimee Moulakis White 93 as Outstanding Alumna; Kent Beittel 65 as Distinguished Alumnus and all UAAA Essential Workers as Distinguished Alumni for 2020. Two convertibles have been loaned by John Kost for the two UA drive throughs. Both Aimee and Kent are available to ride separately in the cars which will be signed similarly.

The Chair asked if there was any new business to come before the meeting. There being none, he announced the next meeting would be July 14, 2020 at 5pm by electronic media with the agenda to be distributed in advance which satisfies the notice requirement for such meeting.

There being no further business for full Board action, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

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Jack Graf, Vice President

Acting Secretary