

UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS
BUSINESS ALUMNI NETWORK (BAN) MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015

- Attendees:

Joni Kaluza	Karen Ciarlette	Caryn Jakielski	April Smith	Karen Ende	Donna Kozak
Sara Niedrich	Joseph Ferrallo (phone)	Anne-Christine Tompkins	Timothy Wills	Edward Wisniowski	Aubrey Knight

- Meeting start; attendee introductions made.
- Christmas caroling at Sunny Hill volunteer signup sheet circulated.
- September 2015 meeting minutes approved with no changes. Karen Ciarlette made motion to approve; Sara Niedrich second.
- Alumni news and events – Aubrey Knight
 - Spring/summer alumni events flyer to be mailed mid-December.
 - “Ladies’ Night Out” – Thursday November 19. \$5/person purchased online; \$8 at door.
 - Alex Campos organized Veterans’ Tailgate. 11 Am – 1 PM Saturday November 14.
 - “Breakfast with Santa” December 5 9-11 AM. \$8/adult, \$5 kids.
 - Christmas Caroling at Sunny Hill Nursing Home. Sunday, December 6, 12:45 PM.
 - “Operation Christmas” Sun December 20 7 AM – 7 PM. Volunteers needed. Laura Munoz to supply link for online signup form. Donations needed for household items, clothing, shoes, etc.
 - “Alumni Network Days”. All alumni groups are now meeting on campus on same day.
 - New alumni event: “Cocktails for Caritas”. Friday, February 26, 2016 at Anthony’s restaurant & pub. For alums 25-40 years old. \$50 each.

- Fall Panel Discussion: “Now That You’ve Been Hired...”
 - “Now that you’re hired” panel discussion went well. It was especially well-received by students in attendance. There was good overall attendance, and it was recorded to be posted online later. Mary Spreitzer, Jeff Pierson, and Tim Broderick did a great job on their respective topics, and Joseph Ferrallo did a great job moderating the discussion panel.
- COBHA update- Joseph Ferrallo
 - New dean, Dr. Orlando Griego
 - Master of Science in Management – four concentrations
 - Check with your employer to inquire about tuition discounts.
- Business Alumni Network events for 2016
 - Hope Center Food Pantry service day. Saturday, May 7, 10 AM until 12:30 PM (after regular BAN meeting). Volunteer signup sheet circulated at meeting.
 - Bowling, Friday, July 29, 2016, 6 PM.
- Graduation Ceremonies
 - Winter commencement Saturday, December 19. It will be a single ceremony at 10 AM.
 - Volunteers are needed for the Necessities Table beginning at 8:30 AM, and at 12 noon to distribute t-shirts. Aubrey to contact those on the volunteer list circulated at the September meeting. (lunch will be provided to volunteers)
- Daybreak Shelter
 - Ongoing volunteer opportunity at Daybreak Shelter. Breakfast service every Thursday 5-7 AM. Contact Joe Wysocki in University Ministry if interested in volunteering.
- Newsletter
 - Caryn Jakielski spoke with Emily Egizio. Emily agreed to serve as Editor for a late fall newsletter, to be complete by December 1.
 - Emily wants to interview Dr. Orlando Griego, the new COBHA Dean.
 - Other ideas for newsletter content include the panel discussion (with photos), current activities of FREE, new construction & campus expansion, and the Joy Thompson scholarship.
 - Karen Ciarlette suggested the idea to do an article on the Business Incubator; maybe save this for the Spring 2016 newsletter. Also include a piece on Caritas in the Spring newsletter.

- Alumni spotlight- alum not yet determined, but they are looking for a successful individual for this year's spotlight

- Social Media Initiative update

- Tailgate/ HC/ raffle: Increased our number of "likes" on Facebook from this event. More "likes" are still desired, so everyone is encouraged to "invite" past USF classmates, friends, etc. to like the page. Also, by "sharing" the pictures/ information posted on the BAN Facebook page, our reach to the general population broadens.

-QR code & Facebook page link will be circulated with BAN contacts, mailed to recent graduates of COBHA and posted to the USF website.

- Service Recognition/Open Positions

- Edward Wisniowski seeking interns to work in information technology at RR Donnelly. Aubrey to arrange to have request handled through Career Services.

-Donna Kozak mentioned that Rialto Square Theatre is currently seeking an accountant to join their team. See rialtosquare.com for more information.

- Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Next BAN meeting Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 8:30 AM (breakfast 8:00 AM).

-Caritas Scholarship Ball, Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016 at the Bolingbrook Golf Club.