

SVC/SJC Alumni Association Meeting
January 22, 2011
Minutes

Attending: Nikki Brown '80, Chair; Laura Myers-Paligo '80, Vice Chair; Beth McLean '00, '03; Daryl Kenny, Secretary
Conference call: Joe Papai '91; Denise LeClair Capriola '78; Stephen O'Keefe '96

Nikki called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

Survey results were reviewed. To date 227 surveys have been returned. 189 responders indicated they prefer email communication while 38 prefer mail or had no preference. In response to the question about activities that would bring them back to campus, 102 said they would return for Reunion (we expect to see them all here), 52 would return for Homecoming (ditto), 48 would return for lectures, 45 for various athletic events. Also mentioned: outdoor activities, Halloween, road trips, barbecues, music and (everyone's favorite) more alumni participation.

An impressive number of alumni (around 50 in each category) are willing to volunteer for various projects, including working as class agents, admissions representatives, Alumni Association, writing for the Chronicle, and working on special projects.

On to Reunion! 132 alumni voted to separate Reunion from Commencement; 40 prefer combining the two; 55 had no preference. Based on these results, we will move Reunion to another weekend; ideally the one following Commencement (May 13-15). Daryl will talk to Facilities. There was much enthusiasm around the idea of alumni being able to stay in the dorms. Levels of participation should be incorporated, with options for attending various events. Possible activities include a golf tournament, on-campus hikes, a softball game, an alumni Battle of the Bands and an Alumni Awards Dinner Dance. Also suggested was a Pub Crawl, with participants agreeing to use transportation supplied by the College (resurrect the Safe Rides program). In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Everett Mansion, we should also begin to record a living history of the College. The Alumni Office will contact as many alums as possible in five-year increments to chat about what it was like being a student at SVC/SJC during their time here. The conversations will be recorded and/or video-taped for posterity. We could launch this project on Reunion Weekend. Other plans for Reunion weekend include arranging for special rates at area hotels and offering baby-sitting services for alumni who want to bring their families.

Other business: Denise has consented to be an Alumni Admissions rep for her region of California (Admissions is SOOO grateful). Beth offered to be the Class Agent for 1995-2000 (yea!). Steve suggested including profiles of alumni in the monthly e-newsletter as a way to catch up on what former classmates are doing. We will implement that in the next newsletter. Laura presented a blessing she has written for new students entering

SVC (it's lovely; look for it in the next newsletter); Daryl will present it to the Dean of Students.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daryl Kenny
Director of Alumni Relations/Secretary