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1/31/2008 OSU Alumni Club of Van Wert/Paulding Counties

Attendees: Jake, ChilLim, Emily, Greg, Missie, Jerry, The Herms, Alice

Meeting brought to order by Jake Mohr.

Treasurer report: The Buckeye Bash totaled about \$5864.60 after expenses bringing the total amount of available scholarship money to \$9500.00 which those in attendance agreed to split into 30 scholarships at \$300.00 each to make available for applicants. Discussion also centered around sending \$50 per county to OSUAA as seed money for the annual grant that they give to us this year even though we are not required to until next year. All attendees were in favor.

Scholarship: The scholarship information is due March 3rd. There are 167 students currently going to OSU from our counties according to ChilLim. A decision was made to email these students informing them of the scholarship application and due date and making the application available for download from our web site and have them mail it in by a certain date. We are also going to ask them to reply to the email by a certain date so that we know that they received the email. If they do not reply, then these students will have a letter sent via USPS. This is an attempt to save on postage and all in attendance agreed to give it a try. A suggestion to text students was also brought up but this idea was abandoned since cell #'s are not available.

Judy Von Blon Spirit Award: Jake discussed this award and asked if anyone from the club wanted to take a lead on this. No takers at the meeting. He also said that if anyone is interested in attending the Lima Branch's dinner to let him know. The deadline is 3/1/2008.

Calendar Year for OSUAA?: Jake asked what is the calendar year for the AA. The answer was Buckeye Bash to Buckeye Bash.

Spring Banquet: The possible dates for the Spring Banquet are April 8, 15, and 22nd. Harry said that Jehmms is available for the 8th or the 22nd but not the 15th. Discussion was turned to a speaker and trying to see their available dates for the 8th and 22nd. Possible speakers are Bill Conley (suggested by Jerry), John Dewitt (suggested by ChilLim), Doug Etzler (suggested by Greg), and Frank Moskowitz. For the fall, Joel Penton [REDACTED], Eddie George, Jim Lachey, and Earl Bruce. Jake had received a brochure listing a company that represents various OSU celebs who speak and their costs and the attendees agreed to keep speaker fees to \$1000.00 or less and start now to book for the fall.

Other New Business: An idea for having an event with Defiance/Henry counties club and combining financial resources for a more prominent speaker was suggested and more information was needed for this idea but all attendees seemed favorable for such an idea.

Jerry brought up a proposal created by his wife Laura of doing a for a web advertising for businesses or families to post a message. She wants input back on whether this would be an idea that the club would want to pursue. Discussion on this idea to continue at next meeting.

Next meeting to be yet to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned.