

**College of Emporia Alumni Association**  
**The**  
**January 20, 2018**

**Present:** John Acomb, Chip Barger, Jim Brooks, Joanna Brooks, Carolyn Day, Megan Evans, Mary Jayne Gamble, Allen Gill, Clancy Howland, Charles Ireland, Roger Klein, Barbara Mathis, Jim Mathis, Maxine Mitchell, Linda Myers, Sue Nispel, Ray Sager, Roger Sager, Norman Tice

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Brooks.

Introductions were given by everyone in attendance introducing themselves and telling their C.of E. class.

The Agenda which had been distributed by email was approved.

The minutes of the Board meeting from July 17, 2017 were approved as printed.

The election of board members was reported. The ballot for new Board members was sent in the August newsletter and all nominees were elected. They included: Joanna Brooks, Carolyn Day, Jim Hoyt, Jim Mathis, Olivia Moore, Norman Tice, and Ray Sager.

The nominees for officers were presented: President – Jim Brooks, President-Elect - Allen Gill, VP/Membership – Les Palmer, Secretary- Sue Nispel, Treasurer- Cecil Lane. They were elected by unanimous vote.

A printed financial report from Treasurer Cecil Lane was distributed to each person. After discussion the financial report was accepted as presented and filed with the minutes.

### **Committee Reports**

The Memorabilia report was given by Chip Barger. Chip distributed a written report and gave an update on work at the Emporia State room of C.of E. memorabilia. He also reported on the display cabinet at Kenyon Heights and noted that the residents enjoy the displays. A major concern about memorabilia was how to get materials transported and cared for at the 2018 Fall Reunion. Chip would like for anyone who is attending the Fall Reunion to consider transporting some of the Memorabilia to that Reunion. A copy of the written report is filed.

Discussion of by-Law changes included all the information that had been previously mailed to all Board members. By-law changes had been discussed at the July meeting and Allen Gill had prepared suggested changes according to the previous discussion. Board members had been asked to study the proposed changes and come to the meeting prepared to vote on an updated version. With thanks to Allen and the work of the Board, the proposed changes were approved with only a small number of questions and suggestions. Good work.

The major changes include the decrease in number of Board members per class from seven to five and the provision to give officers the right to vote and to be considered in the number to meet a quorum.

The Scholarship report was given by Clancy Howland. In 2017, six scholarships of \$2,000 each were given. Even after the expenditure of the scholarships, the balance of funds available in the scholarship fund is over \$60,000.

The membership report had been submitted by Les Palmer by email. Even though there are currently over four thousand names on the data base, there are a total of 870 paying members. Fifty names had been removed from the mailing list by request this year. Board members were reminded to pay their dues.

Megan Evans and Chuck Ireland handed out a report about the C.of E. web page. It is interesting that the web page continues to get a significant number of hits and it is still a good way to communicate. It was interesting that the greatest spike in use each year seems to be in November and December.

### **Old Business –**

There was continued discussion about the Scholarship status. After talking about options of changing the number of scholarships or changing the amount of scholarship, it was moved, seconded and approved that the scholarships for 2018 remain at 6 scholarships for \$2,000 each. As one member of the scholarship search committee has died this year, Carolyn Day volunteered to fill that position.

Mary Jane Gamble distributed copies of the registration form for the Fall Reunion. She shared about the plans and encouraged people to get their reservations in soon.

**A Lunch Break was taken before we started the afternoon discussion about the Future of the Association.**

## New Business

Linda Myer reported on the responses she had received from the sampling of persons she had contacted to share their thoughts about the future of the College of Emporia Alumni Association.

It is interesting that most responders do not feel that it is time to close the Association. There were suggestions about the need to continue the newsletter, continue reunions and continue the scholarships.

There were a number of comments about the importance of keeping our history well documented. Some suggested fewer Board members which was accomplished with the updated By-Laws. There was also a suggestion to be sure that anyone who would leave a bequest would need to know that we have legal coverage for such a bequest.

There needs to be a way to sustain the scholarship program even after the Scholarship and Committee or Board is no longer willing or able to do that. Sue will have a representative from the Presbyterian Foundation come to the July meeting to explain how that program can live on after we are gone and follow our desires.

There was certainly a general feeling that the three features of REUNIONS, NEWSLETTERS, and SCHOLARSHIPS are still the main purpose of the organization and are still the area where we put our energy.

President Jim Brooks announced that we need a new person to take the responsibility to be the local contact person. He gave an explanation of some of the responsibilities involved and asked everyone to consider who in the Emporia area might be willing to take on this responsibility.

For the time being, Cecil Lane has said that he is in Emporia about once a week and might be able to handle money that comes to the PO Box.

**The next meeting of the Board will be held on Saturday, July 21 at the Sauder Center on the Emporia State campus. It will include a “Covered Dish” lunch to which all C.of E. alums are invited.**