

## Alumnae Board Meeting 5/6/08

Called meeting to order.

Jeanne Elliot opened our meeting with a prayer.

Thank you, Jeannie Elliott and Marion Leep. This new board and the Sisters thank you for the great service with which you have served the Academy of the Holy Family for the past years. We truly have gratitude to you for keeping this Alumnae Association invigorated, alive and well. Sr. Daniel, thank you, too for your many fine years of past service, and for staying on as the appointed Corresponding Secretary.

To those of you who are new tonight, thank you for volunteering to serve as members of the Executive Board. Thank you old members for giving us such good memories of the school and friends in the times we were here as students and the times when we have returned to visit.

I would like us all to work together to support and invigorate the Alumnae Association to bring in more good memories in the coming years.

As our bylaws state, under Article 2, Section 2, there are 6 elected members of the Executive Board. In the past years volunteers were sparse and many of the older Executive Board members remained in order to help complete the conditions set by the bylaws.

This year things changed dramatically.

We have a complement of 6 new members and the 7 who are remaining of service according to the 2008 minutes. The Past President usually stays for one year for support and to advise the Board. According to the bylaws, Article 2, Section 4, every 3 years new Exec. Bd members are elected to serve 3 year terms, and to replace 3 board members who have already served 3 years. I'm sure several of the older board members have served more than 3 years, and I wonder how we could rectify our wealth of members. Now we have 6 new members to serve 3 year terms, and 7 experienced board members who have served perhaps 3 or more years.

This dilemma does not have to be rectified tonight. It is something for us to think about, and perhaps keep the "remaining" members to help as directors for future events as Standing Chairs for Annual fundraisers, such as Doris Nadile, who Chairs the Fall and Spring Spaghetti and Meatball Suppers. So that any one Chairperson doesn't have to bear the brunt of managing a whole project, we could, perhaps, select a Publicity Chair to advertise events in progress and take care of projects like the Spaghetti Suppers and whatever other projects we chose to hold. We could also do projects to benefit the Alumnae Association, but perhaps some of you would like to do events with the girls at AHF. Please, please give this much thought. Since we had so many willing hands this year, let's use them to the Associations' advantage and keep the experienced ladies for advice and project leaders.

If you will think about this until the next meeting, we can as a group work out a terrific, dynamic Executive Board and Event Chairperson program. Many hands can make light work!

Thank you.

Marion Leep closed the meeting with a prayer.