

Secretary's Report --- September 2018 to January 2019

Various actions by the board since the September 2018 Reunion at Washington, DC include:

(September 27) - Newly-elected ACAA Board President, Tuck Grinnell sent board members a summary of the Washington, DC reunion held at the Washington Retreat Center. Nineteen people attended. Total cost of the reunion was \$3,502 and the income was \$3,580. Several are working with him on the Florida reunion. Elections or re-elections were held as proposed. Tuck sent out a list of action items for the board and different board members.

(September 30) – Tuck sent note to Bill Wegher about votes at the annual meeting to send \$1,000 to the Damien Community for their pilgrimage to Rome in Feb. and \$2,000 to the Damien Community for this year's scholarships. – Also sent a later note to him for an updated financial report.

(October 6) – Tuck sent out a draft of the program for the Florida Reunion to the board.

(October 11) – Mark sent out Tuck's letter and Registration information to all alumni.

(October 17) - Jack in Leuven sent photos of this year's Damien Community and they were posted to the ACAA website by Mark Moitoza.

(October 17) – Tuck sent note to Jack and others about starting to gather input for the scholarship fund discussion that will take place at the Florida reunion. He is looking for input from Aristel, the coordinator of the Damien Community, Ray Collins and others. His questions were:

--How much money currently is in the different scholarship funds?

--How will the ACAA raise money in the future to supplement the scholarship funds?

--How and when and to whom and with what criteria should the scholarships funds be distributed?

--How should we support the Damien Community into the future?

(October 17) - Ray Collins responded to Tuck's email that the only scholarship monies the Damien Community has worked with came from special collections initiated by him and monies voted on at the annual meetings. Nothing has come from the Reidl scholarship funds. Almost all money they had received was expended on scholarships given to Al Marcello and Kyle Norris.

He noted that two members of the Damien Community – Kyle (?) and Elias Hage were looking for scholarships this academic year. He is proposing scholarships of 4,000 euros to both of them.

He asked for \$2,000 for scholarships and \$1,000 for the Damien Community pilgrimage in Feb from ACAA at the meet in Washington. These transfers were approved at the Washington meeting, but so far, not sent. He also asked that \$5,000 be taken from the investment account and sent as support to the Damien Community. That request was not acted upon at the meeting.

As far as structuring of the Damien Scholarships and their disbursements, he will look through the documents that John K put together from meetings beginning in 2012 that have addressed the issue of scholarships.

(October 18) - Bill Wegher replied that the reunion in Leuven and the Heritage project had depleted a lot of our funds on hand. He will be looking into the availability of monies from the mutual fund. He did not give us any specific figures.

(Oct. 18) – Jack replied to all that the reunion at Leuven was well within the budget of monies received from registration fees and that funds sent to the Heritage Project were all approved by the association.

Regarding scholarship funds, he noted that there is a “Kindekens Fund” at KU LEUVEN, managed by KU LEUVEN, that contains all old ACL funds (Derance, Reidl, Codd, etc.). He notes that there is a lot of money there of which some should rightly be designated for scholarships. As for making that happen, he recalls that Msgr. Ronny Jenkins, Dean of Canon Law at CUA, had a major role in establishing this fund in behalf of the USCCB. He would be a good person to contact.

(October 18) – Jack sent a notice of the death of +Richard Cross. Mark posted his photo and obituary on the ACAA website. +Richard died on Oct. 17, 2018 at Tarrytown, NY.

(October 19) - Tony Bawyn sent a note that he is working on some points for the discussion of the future of the ACAA at the Florida reunion.

(November 20) – Tuck sent a note out to the board and some others about the preparations for the Florida reunion. Ray will summarize and present background on the Damien Project for the discussions and discernment about the Damien Project and scholarships. Jack Dick will be working with Aristel and Ray on a plan, principals, timing, criteria for the granting of scholarships from ACAA for study at KUL. They were also asked to track down all funds held either by the USCCB or KUL the could be used for scholarships. He asked John Soares to speak with Frank O’Hara about being on a committee to seek additional scholarship funds from alumni. He also asked Chris Fusco about the IRS requirements for non-profits and to help him and Tony put together a guide for future ACAA presidents and board members.

(November 26) - Note from Tuck that he had managed to procure needed insurance coverage for the reunion for a very reasonable fee of \$110.00.

(December 5)) – Received a note from Aristel in behalf of the Damien Community thanking the ACAA for support of the Damien Community and for the scholarship to Elias and Kyle. He attached a letter of thanks from Elias. (This note was posted to the ACAA website by Mark.)

(December 8) – Note from Ray that he had a serious fall but was recovering well. Because of this he was not able to send out an appeal for scholarship funds around St. Damien’s feastday, but may do so later in the new year.

(December 20) – Note from Tony that speakers were approved or being approved for the reunion.

(January 10) – Board received a financial report from Bill Wegher for the reunion. He will not be attending the reunion.

(January 10) – Tony sent board members a handout with points for discussion regarding the future of the ACAA at the Florida reunion.

(January 11) – Bob Flannery sent a note that the financial report noted that \$2000 had been sent to Leuven for scholarships, but no mention was made of the \$1000 we had voted also to send to the Damien Community for the pilgrimage.

(January 11) – Jack replied to all that he had received the \$2,000 that Bill sent and based on funds available then in the Belgian account, he had given 800 euros to Aristel for the pilgrimage and sent 1000 euros to Elias Hage as a first installment of the 4,000 euro scholarship promised to him this year.

Other than these, Mark has been sending out regular reminders of the reunion and registration information to all members through Constant Contact. I have updated a few names in the data base. I had sent the minutes of our Washington meeting to Tuck, but not to all. I was waiting for an updated financial report from Bill so the minutes did not get sent to all. This was not a good thing as assignments were not always noted by board members though Tuck did send out action items to all in his report on the meeting.

I still have all the collected notes, memory sticks, folders, etc. that were passed on to me by Bob Flannery and Mark Moitoza. I will pass this on to the new secretary. I thank you for the privilege of serving as secretary. I am willing to help work with someone to update the database where we have email addresses that are bouncing back and sometimes names without email addresses, etc.

-- Report submitted by: ACAA Secretary, John Kleinwachter, (2007 Sedes Sapientia)