



IHS Alumni Association Minutes Meeting: Monday March 11, 2013



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Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM by Dale Veverka (70). There were 22 members in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Wagner (66)

Welcome New Members: Dale Veverka

Minutes from Nov. 12th Meeting: Minutes distributed. Elaine (Wisnieski 57) Kukawka made a motion that the Minutes of the Nov. 12th meeting be accepted. Seconded by Rose (Pedal 56) Sposet. Motion passed.

Principal's Report: Principal William McGuinness stated IHS has 20 new National Honor Society members. IHS received an "Excellent" rating on the last state report card. It is OGT test week for sophomores. Results are due in late May or June. Senior Colin Juran received a perfect score on his SAT test – 800 out of 800. There will be an assembly in March in Mark Kapusta's honor for Muscular Dystrophy. The school's Turf the Field project will be privately funded and the goal is \$1 million. So far we have \$150,000. The field will be used for football, soccer, marching band, etc. All alumni are invited to stop in to visit the school anytime. Mr. McGuinness said "We are all Blue Devils and this will always be home!" A comment was made by Jack Katzenmeyer (57) to let people make a pledge over a number of years instead of asking for a lump sum.

Treasure's Report: Bob Wagner said that since January to the present date, we had 2 people sign up as 5-year members and 9 as 1-year members. We also had \$180 in donations. Our last Dining to Donate resulted in \$37.80. The balance in the Alumni account is \$6,494.00.

New Business: There will be an alumni basketball tournament on March 22 and 23. Dale said to call Tim Skoczen (76) for further details.

Class Reunions: The class of 1968 is having a reunion on August 10. Class of 1973 is having one this year and the class of 1993 is having one this September.

Yearbook Ad: Dale Veverka indicated the alumni association usually pays for a 3 block ad for \$45. Tony Appenzeller (52) said if the association would pay for a \$200 ad, he would pay \$100 of that amount. Bonnie (Jorasch 69) Pandin made a motion to go ahead with the \$200 ad and Rose (Pedal) Sposet seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Home Days: People should sign up for "tent duty" at next quarter's meeting in June. There was no interest in marching in the parade this year.

Diplomas of Distinction: Diplomas of Distinction will be awarded at the June 10th quarterly meeting.

Breakfast in the Park: Brunch at the Kiwanis Pavilion in Elmwood Park will be held the Sunday following Home Days from 8:00 am to 11:00 a.m. Food provided by Marge's Catering. Further details will be included in the Spring Alumni Spectator.

Joe LaBella Award: The Alumni Association continues to manage these funds.

Alumni Spectator: Amber Veverka requests articles, photos and feedback on the last issue. The Spring 2013 issue will be published the 3rd week of May.

Dale said articles about IHS faculty would be interesting and should be included.

Membership: We presently have 196 paid members. There was a discussion on how to increase membership. Some suggestions were “send literature” to prospective members, some said to “call on the telephone” and others said to “contact class officers”. It was also suggested to continue with the membership form in the Alumni Spectator and to distribute forms to class reunion committees. Wendy (Schmidt 68) Manfredi suggested we all contact our class officers.

Correspondence: Elaine Wisnieski Kukawka told us that Rudy Stang (34) passed away the 22nd of February and his wife, Ruth, 5 days later. Tom Penkalski’s (52) book is in the Alumni Showcase along with Amber Veverka’s Music Award.

Bonnie Jorasch Pandin donated her German Club pin which will be placed in the Alumni Showcase on a future date.

Fundraiser – Dining to Donate: Bob Wagner said the next Dining to Donate will be at Applebee’s on a Wednesday. The date will be placed on our website and members notified through an email blast.

Alumni Award: Our award to a graduating senior will take the same format as last year’s. Dale needs help in reading through the essays and selecting a winner of the \$500 award. Bob Wagner made a motion for the \$500 award and a second one for \$250. Don Krolikowski (77) seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Dale Veverka stated that the Association’s donation to the high school is the other half of the cost of the Ipad we gave last year. He mentioned that Bill Taylor’s scholarship award is given to IHS every other year. Last year, Shannon Coleman, Class of 2012, was the recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship. Shannon is attending Ohio University.

Adjournment: There being no further issues to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

