



IHS Alumni Association Minutes Meeting: Monday June 10, 2013



Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM by Dale Veverka (70). There were 30 members and guests in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance & Welcome New Members: Dale Veverka

Alumni Award Winners: Dale reported that the winners of the 2013 Alumni Awards were Jonathan Wygonski and Graham Montague.

Diploma of Distinction Ceremony: Rhonee (Trakas 75) Iula awarded Diplomas of Distinction to three alumni: **John Nicastro, Class of '43; Walter Hasselbusch, Class of '46; and Jeanette Hasman Jensen, Class of '48.**

John Nicastro has 4 children: a daughter who is a registered nurse, another daughter who is a teacher with the Red Cross, a third daughter who is a municipal judge in Garfield Heights and a boy who recently retired as Chief of Police in Independence! As a veteran, he fought in WWII. He thought IHS was the best school ever.

Walter Hasselbusch attended school when all grade levels were taught under one roof. He took Industrial Arts and Mechanical Drawing. He remembers his grandfather working in a blacksmith shop. The other grandfather was a paperhanger. His father was also a paperhanger. As a hobby, Walter built the fountain on the east side of Public Square – and it's still standing! Although water does not flow, the city plants flowers in it now. Walter is a trustee of the Independence Historical Society.

Jeanette Hasman Jensen graduated from Ohio State and was a model in New York City. She then married and had four children: 3 sons and 1 daughter. She is now a widow living on Brookside. Her grandmother had a farm on Chestnut but the property was sold because of the I-77 construction.

A short break ensued for cake and coffee.

Introduction of Board Members: Dale Veverka

Minutes from June 10th Meeting: Minutes distributed. Amber Veverka (07) made a motion that the Minutes of the June 10th meeting be accepted. Seconded by Tony Appenzeller (52). Motion passed.

Treasure's Report: Bob Wagner (66) discussed our costs associated with publishing our newsletter. He mentioned that we received generous donations of \$150 and \$250.

Principal's Report: The Alumni's gift to IHS was the second installment to pay for an iPad. The Class of '75 presented \$500 to IHS for the purchase of a bench.

New Business Reported: Elaine (Wisnieski 57) Kukawka reported the total number of paid members is 201 (previously 196). During the 2013 graduation ceremony, 16 of 80 graduates were legacy members.

Cheryl McCollum (83) Travagliente is a new member and she gave us a list of 13 relatives that have graduated from Independence from 1927 through 1993. She is a 3rd generation graduate. Elaine said that arrangements have been made for an alumni tent to be erected in front of Historic Hall for Home Days and encouraged members to sign up for "tent duty". This year we had to pay the \$37.50 for the Grand Prize tickets in advance. They are available for purchase this evening.

The Alumni Assn. was represented at the Tribute to Bill Taylor recently held at the Land Lab. At the event, we presented 40 years worth of yearbooks with photos and signed up 6 new members!

Independence High School was written up in the Sun Post as one of 6 best high schools in NE Ohio.

The Class of 1959 is hosting their 55th reunion on August 23, 2014. Contact Barbara Steyskal Schneider at 216-524-7474 for further information.

John Galik (54) reported that his class lost several members who were on his reunion's planning committee. They are planning a big reunion in 2014, which would be their 60th!

Letters were sent to Tony Appenzeller thanking him for his donation for the Year Book ad and to Bonnie Jorasch Pandin for her donation of her German Club pin which is now in the alumni display case at the high school. A note of thanks was sent to Jack Katzenmeyer (57) for his very generous donation.

The Class of 2013 made a video of their school years. There is also an electronic copy of the land lab dedication in 1970.

Indy Boosters Website: Don Krolkowski (77) mentioned there were 4,000 page views of our website. People were looking up various types of information that amounted to 800 visits!

Breakfast in the Park: Pat (Czarniak 60) Stephan indicated that this year's Alumni Breakfast in the Park will be held the Sunday following Home Days. Serving time is 9:00 am to 11:00 am. There will be raffle tickets sold and a 50/50 raffle as well. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults. The caterer is new and the menu includes sausage, scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, danish, juice and coffee.

By Laws: John Galik mentioned that some of our officers must step down and not run for re-election. This is a direct result of how our by-law are written. He called for a vote to change the by-laws, thus allowing the present slate of officers to run for re-election. The vote was unanimous in changing the by-laws.

John mentioned that Dan O'Shay provides our association with legal services. His boys were IHS graduates.

Alumni Spectator: Amber Veverka stated the publication dates for the Alumni Spectator are June and December. Please submit articles for the December issues no later than November 3rd.

Membership Lists: Wendy (Schmidt 68) Manfredi reminded members to go to their reunion committees to gather information on their classmates.

Adjournment: There being no further issues to discuss, John Galik made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Tony Appenzeller. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.