



IHS Alumni Association

Minutes

Monday September 8, 2014



Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM by Dale Veverka (70). There were 21 members and guests in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: Dale Veverka

After the pledge, each Alumni Assn. board member introduced themselves: Dale Veverka, President; Rhonee (Trakas 75) Iula, Vice President; Bob Wagner (66), Treasurer; Elaine (Wisnieski 57) Kukawka, Corresponding Secretary; and Bonnie (Jorasch 69) Pandin, Recording Secretary.

Principal's Report: Rhonee Iula gave the report provided by Mr. William McGuiness.

IHS has been named as one of the nation's Top High Schools by the Washington Post, U.S. News and World Report and by The Daily Beast internet news website. Eighty one percent of our Advanced Placement students earned recognition as A.P. Scholars from the College Board, with 2 of those students being named as National A.P. Scholars. Concerning the Turf the Field project, thanks to everyone who supported it. The field looks very sharp, as well as the improvements to the concession area and the new brick gate and iron work. We are in phase 2 of the project, and we hope to raise the rest of the funds to work on the stands in the future. Five of our current seniors did very well on their ACT exams last spring. IHS will be competing this year on Channel 5's Academic Challenge. The show will be taped in November and will be aired next April. Our Academic Challenge team is coached by Mr. Eric Wells. IHS has a brand new varsity sports team this school year: Varsity Girls' Golf. The team has gotten off to a great start, coached by Middle School teacher, Karl Schuld. Karl is the son of the legendary "voice of the Blue Devils", the late Fred Schuld. Everyone is always welcome to stop by the school and say hello.

September 19 is Homecoming and IHS alumni are to be honored during pre-game activity at 6:30 pm. After the band's pre-game selection, alumni will be called forward by decade of graduation. Be there at 6:15 and assemble inside the gate. Further details will be forthcoming.

Minutes from June 9 Meeting: Bonnie Pandin stated that everyone should have received a copy of the June 9 meeting Minutes. She asked for any corrections. John Galik (54) motioned that the Minutes be accepted as written. Elaine Kukawka seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Wagner stated that the Alumni Assn. earned \$50 from pre-selling Home Days tickets. There were 317 raffle ticket sales at the Alumni Breakfast in the Park. For the 3-day weekend including Home Days and the Breakfast, we made a total of \$704.

The Association donated \$450 to the high school's robotics program. Balance in our account is \$6,713.

Dale interjected that Chris Zamborsky (78) did an excellent job facilitating the Breakfast in the Park and Wendy (Schmidt 68) Manfredi and Pat (Czarniak 60) Stephan helped him. Chris will head it up again next year. (Everyone attending gave a round of applause.)

Alumni Website: Don Krolikowski (77) offered to include an advertisement of upcoming alumni activities when sending an email broadcast to Independence music boosters or athletics boosters. He can also place a small announcement on these boosters' web pages. Everyone thought that was a good idea.

New Business: Elaine reported there are 157 alumni members, 54 not renewing and 11 new members since the June meeting. Three letters/notes were sent thanking for donations. Forty three membership cards and notes were also sent. The Kiwanis Pavilion, 30 tables, has been reserved for the August 9, 2015 Breakfast in the Park from 8 am till noon. Concerning the last email blast, 72 email addresses were rejected, of which two were deceased. Elaine indicated she would have the Membership Chair, Peggy Korecko (88), search on Facebook for the new addresses. She received Ellin (Dinse 65) Stoots' Graduation Program, Tassle, Pendant with I & 65, National Honor Society Pin and Spectator Pin to be put in the alumni showcase in the new high school. Elaine also mentioned that she received an email from Mary Dolejs that Tony DiGeronimo is donating a copy of the 2014 Yearbook from Precision Environmental.

Dale and Bob presented the 2014 Alumni Award to Kelly Jones and Alex Scotton. At our November or March meeting, the high school will give us more details about their robotics program. That is the area where we donated our \$450 Alumni gift to the school. The Alumni Spectator is publishing in December, so everyone was encouraged to forward information to Amber Veverka (07) by November.

Dale reminded everyone that our new membership chair is Peggy Korecko (88). Bob discussed the Turf the Field Project and about the unveiling of the Alumni Arch donated by Lisa Joy (Gazdak 83) Kemenyes and Duane Kemenyes (77).

Pat Stephan made a motion to adjourn and John Galik seconded the motion. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Jorasch Pandin
Recording Secretary