



IHS Alumni Association
Minutes
Monday June 8, 2015



Meeting Called to Order: The business meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Dale Veverka (70). There were 26 members and several guests in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: Dale Veverka. After the pledge, the board members introduced themselves.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bob Wagner (66) distributed copies of his report of June 7, 2015 to members. We have a balance of \$7,629.63 in the checking account. Membership income for this period totaled \$720.00. Donations for the same period totaled \$815.00. Expenses for Educator of Excellence Award totaled \$183.31, Year Book ad \$250.00, Home Day tickets \$50.00 and Graduating Senior Awards \$750.00. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as written.

Alumni Award Essay Contest: The winners of the essay contest were Magdalena Zumack who will be attending the University of Mt. Union, Alyssa Porochnski and Kelsey Stefanski..

Dale stated that at our September meeting there will be a presentation on the high school's robotics program.

Diploma of Distinction: Rhonee (Trakas 75) Iula presented John Galik (54) with the Diploma of Distinction. (Article to appear in upcoming *Alumni Spectator*.)

New Business: Dale introduced Ben Hegedish as the new Independence School District Superintendent. Ben noted that the name "Blue Devils" was a tribute to a French Cavalry Unit that was considered to be the toughest one around. Ben is a graduate of Kent State University and said Independence is a special place and he was humbled to get the job.

The Alumni Association welcomes Gwenn (Schmidt 68) Manfredi as our Director of Communications.

Breakfast in the Park: Chris Zamborsky (78) will be chairing the Breakfast in the Park on Sunday, August 2nd from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Kiwanis Pavilion in Elmwood Park. Tickets are \$10 in advance of the event and includes bacon, scrambled eggs with ham, breakfast potatoes, pancakes, danish, juice and coffee.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Elaine (Wisnieski 57) Kukawka said the tent has been reserved for Home Days and she has 50/50 raffle tickets for sale. She needs help setting up the tables and chairs in the Alumni booth which takes about an hour. Don Krolikowski (77) said that he will assist.

Elaine noted we now have 222 members which includes those whose dues expired May 31, 2015.. There was no correspondence received. Seven thank you letters were sent for donations: two to Jack Katzenmeyer (57) for memorabilia from 1957 and monetary donation; one to Dr. Termini for Parent/Student Handbooks from 1980-1999; and Arlene Staresina (58), Kenneth Bender (86), Evelyn (Kurtz 36) Skoczen, Lynn (Carlisle 63) Ferrence for monetary donations.

Elaine is still looking for commencement invitations and programs.

Alumni Spectator: Amber Veverka (07), Editor, says the Spectator goes to print this week. She is still seeking reunion updates for the next issue. She also would appreciate feedback on the new format being used.

Voting on Slate of Officers: Our new Alumni Assn. President is Rhonee Trakas Iula; Dale Veverka, Vice President; Bob Wagner, Treasurer; Elaine Wisnieski Kukawka, Corresponding Secretary; Bonnie Jorasch Pandin, Recording Secretary. John Galik moved that this current slate of officers be accepted. Tony Appenzeller (52) seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Jorasch Pandin
Recording Secretary

Schmidt-Manfredi as the Director of Communication