



IHS Alumni Association
Minutes
Monday, June 13, 2016



Meeting Called to Order: The quarterly meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm at the IHS Media Center by President Rhonee (Trakas 75) Iula followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Wagner (66). There were 21 members and guests in attendance.

Diploma of Distinction Ceremony: Rhonee provided a little background on Jack Katzenmeyer who graduated IHS in 1957. He attended Miami University and graduated college in 1961. A Diploma of Distinction was presented to Jack by Ben Hegedish, Superintendent Independence School District. After Jack spoke briefly, tributes were made by Bob Wagner, Wes Gaab (42), Dave Dross (58) and John Galik (54).

Superintendent's Report: Ben Hegedish said Independence is a great district with a rich history. This year we have had great success in athletics. A renewal levy will be put on the ballot to the voters. The middle school, built in the 60's, needs some renovation. The district has had a couple of retirements. We have a new athletic director. IHS was voted 10th best high school in the state of Ohio on the state testings. Our locker rooms at the stadium have been expanded. The "away" bleachers have been redone and the "home" bleachers still need renovation. Eighty eight graduating seniors are college bound with 3.6 million dollars offered in scholarships. Good things can be said about Cuyahoga Career Center where kids come out career ready. Twenty three graduates wore legacy ribbons.

Correspondence: Elaine was not available but provided her report. Bonnie (Jorasch 69) Pandin read the report which included thank you notes being sent by Elaine for monetary donations by Lynn (Zimlich 66) Edwards, Carol Koller (65), Evelyn (Kurtz 36) Skoczen and Jack Katzenmeyer (57). Elaine noted that the first IHS football golf outing is Sunday, June 26. This will be Elaine's last Home Days for booth set up and take down. She needs a volunteer to take over. Meet at the tent on Friday, August 5 at 12:30 pm to set up and Saturday, August 6 between 10 and 10:30 pm to take down. If interested in sitting under the tent, please do. As of May 23, 2016 we have 154 paid members. The Alumni Spectator mailing list is 324 with a few members needing to renew.

Minutes from March's Meeting: Bonnie read the Minutes of March 14. Minutes were voted on and approved.

New Business: Home Days Alumni Tent – Rhonee indicated we are not charged for our tent since we don't sell anything. As Elaine's report states, she requires help in the tent especially set up and take down. Several people spoke up that they would help including Don Krolikowski (77) and Chris Zamborsky (78). Anyone who wants to help under the alumni tent, please let Rhonee know your intentions.

Rhonee said we will again have a yearbook ad. She said we honored Ken Gunlicks at our March meeting with the Educator of Excellence Award and mayor Anthony Togliatti attended. Bob Tesmer (66) is a new member of the Alumni Association and is here tonight.

Two donations were made by Leah Bierman (05) which included two pieces of jewelry.

Home Days Alumni Brunch – Chris Zamborsky, chair of the event, said the breakfast is 9:00 am to 11 am on Sunday August 7. Cost is \$10. Deadline for RSVP is the Thursday before the Home Days weekend. Last year, raffle prizes were \$500 to \$700. The raffle is all profit for us. Class of 66, who are having their reunion Home Days weekend, are attending the brunch and includes about 13 individuals.

Alumni Spectator: Amber Veverka (07) said the spring issue of Alumni Spectator is being printed this week. It will feature Ken Gunlicks receiving the Educator of Excellence Award and reunion information. Amber was investigating a subscription to some software but now having a new laptop she discovered some free software she could download to facilitate the publishing of Alumni Spectator. This will save the Alumni Association some money.

Website: Don Krolkowski said we had 192 hits on our website. He's sent out a couple of email blasts. He said if we have content we want included in the website, we should let him know. Any information you have on reunions, email the website.

Reunions: Rita (Krobeseck 56) Glow said her class is having its reunion this year. There were 52 graduates with 46 still living. Part of their festivities will include a bus tour of students' homes back in 1956. Dinner will be Saturday night at Schula's in Independence and the Alumni Breakfast on Sunday after Home Days.

John Galik said his class is having a reunion the Saturday after Home Days at the Bramley House. They expect to host 20-25 alums and spouses to this catered affair.

Don Krolkowski added that Ben Hegedish and the athletic department has district artwork that reunions can utilize – go to the website and see “Blue Devils artwork”. Don is creating a video of the 1959 Blue Devils basketball game against North Royalton.

Principal's Report: Due to Bill McGuinness being on vacation, Rhonee gave his report. This year, the High School had 149 advance placement tests which allow college credit to the students. IHS was named the best high school by many organizations. Freshmen received a chrome notebook computer.

Alumni Award: Dale Veverka (70) stated that two \$500 alumni awards were given to Elena Paparizos and Mallory Trombetta. He said we need to purchase more legacy ribbons. He and Bob Wagner marched the graduates out of the auditorium and Amber took photos.

John Galik made a motion to adjourn. Don Krolkowski seconded the motion. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Jorasch Pandin
Recording Secretary