



IHS Alumni Association
Minutes
Monday, November 14, 2016



Meeting Called to Order: The quarterly meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the IHS Media Center by President **Rhonee (Trakas 75) Iula** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were approximately 22 members and guests in attendance.

High School Update – Sports Programs: Featured speaker, Annie McGhee, daughter of **Bob Wagner (66)** and Pamela, is the new IHS Athletic Director and Asst. Principal, with 3 children attending Independence schools. Annie stated IHS had a very successful fall sports season. Football had 7 wins and 3 losses, missing the playoffs by one game. Boys soccer advanced into regionals this year. Boys cross country finished third in the state, with Tyler Poleman, conference champ. The golf team competed in the state tournament and came in second.

Old Business: Bill McGuinness, IHS principal, thanked everyone for the alumni gift to IHS, which this year was a monetary donation for the Rachel's Challenge program. Rachel was the first person killed in the Columbine shooting and her father, Kyle, speaks on her behalf on anti-bullying and acts of kindness. Mr. McGuinness said that a dozen students went up to the stage to shake Kyle's hand and give their condolences for his loss. **Amber Veverka (07)** asked about the turnout for Rachel's Challenge. Mr. McGuinness said the morning session held 5th and 6th graders and St. Michael's. The afternoon had grades 7 through 12 and was packed. He didn't have the numbers for the evening session. He said since the presentation, students are performing random acts of kindness throughout the school. Rhonee added that the Middle School, Twenty Five and Alive and the City of Independence thanked the Alumni Assn. for our contribution for the challenge. **Elaine (Wisnieski 57) Kukawka** said she received two thank you notes from Mary Dolejs for our support of the challenge.

Treasurer **Bob Wagner** stated we have about \$8,500.00 in the bank. Treasurer's reports were distributed. Expenses to date have exceeded income by about \$200.00. He attributed this to the fact that our caterer for Breakfast in the Park cancelled at the last minute, finding us scurrying around for a replacement – therefore, we ending up paying more for our food than we would have liked. Elaine made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. **Dale Veverka (70)** seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Alumni Spectator Newsletter: Amber said the deadline for article submission is Sunday, November 20. She is lacking reunion news. If anyone has pictures from our school, she is able to scan and return them to you. Looking for general feedback to the newsletter. Rhonee thanked Amber for a great job and wondered if anyone had photos from the Alumni night at the football game. Dale said he had some.

Website: **Don Krolkowski (77)** our Webmaster indicated we need to add new content to our website. The IHS Boosters.com website got 1,564 page views from August 14 through November 14. The alumni page received 218 views and 10 people who viewed us were from Chicago! We've had an increase in activity since school started. When broadcasts happen, there is a spike in the number of views.

Membership: Elaine is sending out membership cards. An updated list is at the back table. Concerning the 2016 Yearbook, the printer is no longer printing extras. We'll have to buy a book or a full page ad and get one free. We had some new alumni members from the class of 1966 volunteering to serve on a Historical committee. Rhonee added we don't presently have that type of committee. Discussion on how we can gain new members: advertise on our website, buy a membership for someone, include a small paragraph about the Alumni Assn. in the school quarterly newsletter.

Rhonee advised that there will be a luncheon meeting on March 13 at 11:30 am in the High School Consumer Science room. A presentation will be made for Distinguished Educator of Excellence Award, followed by pizza, salad and dessert. Afterward, the alumni general meeting will begin. Rhonee suggested if we have someone we'd like to honor, go to our website for the form. During our June 12 meeting we will have the Diploma of Distinction at 7 pm in the high school media room. People will talk about the honoree and then break for refreshments. The apple nut squares and coffee were provided today by **Pat (Czarniak 60) Stephan**.

Rhonee mentioned that we still have some Bill Taylor slides from biology trips in the 50's and 60's if anyone wants them. The football Alumni night was very chilly as members sat under a tent. Will try to schedule the event earlier next year.

In February there will be an induction to the Hall of Fame. Rhonee will let everyone know the date.

Jack Katzenmeyer's class of 1957 may have a reunion next year. Bob Wagner stated that ¼ of the men in his class were in the military.

Pat Stephan made a motion to adjourn, Elaine seconded the motion. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Jorasch Pandin
Recording Secretary