



**IHS Alumni Association
Minutes
Monday, March 11, 2019**



Meeting Called to Order: Following the Induction Ceremony for Educator of Excellence, presented to Mark Echstenkamper, the March meeting was called to order at 12:26 pm with twenty two alumni present. President **Rhonee (Trakas 75) Iula** asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance which was led by Treasurer, **Bob Wagner (66)**.

New Gift to School: In attendance was Craig Polman, coach for our high school, who discussed the tent provided many years ago by the Alumni Association to be used at away games. Unfortunately, the 10 ft. x 20 ft. tent has a broken steel frame. A new one costs \$650. Craig would appreciate help in purchasing a new frame. **Dave Stefanski (80)** inquired if a new frame will accommodate the existing tent. Bob Wagner assured him that it would. Bob then made a motion for the Association to spend \$650 for a new tent frame. **Chris Zamborsky (78)** seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

School Updates: Principal **Bill McGuinness** stated that the high school, who had its fourteenth birthday in June, is beginning to renovate its library. He toured other high school libraries to see their renovations. Ours will be done in August and the library reopened. It will encompass flexible seating and a nice collaborating space and meeting rooms. Though he is grateful for our auditorium, it is too large for smaller meetings. The new library will have a stage. Some books have already been moved to classrooms. Stop by and help yourself to what is left. There will also be an outdoor seating component north of the library. Commencement is June 2 at 1pm. We have a great senior class of 93 students. There are about 340 students in the entire building itself.

Minutes of November 12 Alumni Meeting: Recording Secretary, **Bonnie (Jorasch 69) Pandin**, distributed the Minutes. She asked for any changes then **Dale Veverka (70)** made a motion to accept the Minutes, and **Pat (Czarniak 60) Stephan** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Bob Wagner (66)** distributed his March 11 report. He stated our Alumni Association's quarterly expenses were \$692.86 which included Digicom Graphics for the printed newsletter, postage and quarterly bank fees. Income totaled \$642.10 which included membership, donations, brick sale and quarterly interest. The account balance as of March 11 is \$11,779.59. The LaBella Scholarship Fund balance is \$10,452.87. Bob made a motion to spend \$1,592 for banners for the school cafeteria. Dale Veverka seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Alumni Spectator: Editor **Amber (Veverka 07) Axner** said she is still using the library computer to produce the *Alumni Spectator*. She wants us to provide a subscription to Publisher for her pc. Bonnie Pandin made a motion that we purchase a subscription for 1 year of Publisher for \$69.99. David Stefanski seconded the motion which passed.

Public Relations: Communications Director, **Wendy (Schmidt 68) Manfredi**, will place an ad in the *Spotlight* stating that graduating seniors will receive a one year membership to the Association.

Pat Stephan made 15 reminder calls regarding today's meeting for those members who do not have email.

Membership: We need a new Membership Chair. The candidate must be proactive and be able to scan class lists and solicit new members. General election for officers will occur at the June quarterly meeting.

Correspondence: Corresponding Secretary, **Elaine (Wisnieski 57) Kukawka**, is absent tonight but forwarded her report to Bonnie. Thank you cards were sent to **Walter Wisnieski (38)** for his \$100 donation and **Tony DiGeronimo (75)** for his family's donation of a 2018 Yearbook. Membership cards were sent out for 4 renewals and 1 new membership. Elaine received and is updating the roster for the 95 graduating seniors and sending out 95 honorary membership cards which will be given to the guidance counselor prior to graduation. Membership as of March 11 totals 177.

Old Business: Vice President, **Kelly Hatfield (78)**, said she still has 20 commemorative bricks from the demolished Brecksville Road school in her garage. If anyone wants to purchase a brick, let her know.

New Business: Rhonee Iula will receive students' essays the first week of April. We have two \$500 awards which will be distributed to the winning entries. **Dale Veverka (70)** asked for volunteers to read the essays. Bonnie Pandin, Kelly Hatfield,

Rita (Krobusek 56) Glow, Amber Veverka and **Joan Mencl (70)** agreed to read. Dale will present the awards at Senior Awards Day. Last year, Bonnie and Kelly marched seniors out with lit candles. Anyone who wants to do so this year, let Dale know. Volunteers will also pin legacy ribbons on students' gowns.

Regarding Home Days Breakfast in the Park, Chris Zamborsky reserved the Kiwanis pavilion for the Sunday after Home Days. Rhonee's class is making breakfast and donating the food, which is waffles and sausage. Rhonee needs help in chairing the breakfast – someone to get the juice and danish. Breakfast begins at 9 am and ends at noon.

The class of 1969 is having their 50th reunion the weekend of Home Days. Class of 1970 will have their reunion in 2020.

Yearbook ad cost \$250 last year. Bob Wagner made a motion to purchase a \$250 ad for this year, Dale seconded the motion which passed.

John Blonski (66) donated his letter sweater and ring for our Alumni Showcase. The old bleachers from the demolished Brecksville Road school are being engraved with devil faces. Bob Wagner said we may think about helping market them through our Alumni Association.

Amber Axner made a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting and Bob Wagner seconded the motion. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Jorasch Pandin
Recording Secretary