



IHS Alumni Association
Minutes
Monday, September 11, 2017



Meeting Called to Order: The September quarterly alumni meeting commenced at 7:00 pm with 18 alumni present. **Rhonee (Trakas 75) Iula**, President, asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Introduction of Board Members: Officers introduced themselves and Rhonee welcomed **Brian Jasko (74)** as a new member of the organization.

District's Happenings: Ben Hegedish, Superintendent, addressed the group. He said it had been an active summer, with many new hires. There are some capital issues concerning the primary and middle schools. The school district wants to purchase a Chromebook for all students. The high school students already have a Chromebook. In sports, the football and soccer teams are doing very well and ladies volleyball is undefeated. Golf team took 3rd in the last open. Middle and Primary school roofs are being repaired in sections with window replacement as well. **Elaine (Wisnieski 57) Kukawka** asked about the robotics program. Mr. Hegedish said we have a curriculum on robotics for the Middle and High School students but "no drone actions going on yet".

Minutes of September Meeting: Rhonee asked **Bonnie (Jorasch 69) Pandin** about the September Minutes. She said they are on the back table for everyone to review. Elaine made a motion to accept the Minutes as written. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Wagner (66) distributed the Treasurer's Report. Some noteworthy items: in nine years our Association has given 17 graduating senior awards totaling \$6,500; in nine years the Association has given annual gifts to the high school totaling \$4,000; and in eight years the Association has contributed \$1,100 to the annual high school yearbook through an annual sponsorship advertisement. Concerning the recent Home Days 2017 festivities including the brunch on Sunday, the Association realized a profit of \$2,344.12. To date, we have banked \$1,165 from the sale of memorial bricks from the old Brecksville Road school. Since January 1st, 2017, not including contributions for the basket raffle, \$1,306 in donation checks has been made to the Association.

In summary, due to generous donations and volunteer service, our Association remains financially strong, continues to meet the goal of "Advancing Memories One Year at a Time," and provides a greatly appreciated social opportunity.

Calendar of Events: Fall Fest, September 24 from noon to 4:30 pm, is an event that provides activities for children and families. There is also a clambake. Rhonee indicates that our organization may participate by having a booth and selling memorial bricks from the old Brecksville Road school. We will have membership forms available at the booth as well. There will be no booth fee. **Amber (Veverka 07) Axner** says this is a great venue for fundraising. October 6 is the high school homecoming game. November 13 is our alumni quarterly meeting.

The alumni association gives a gift to the high school each year. This year it will be furniture for the common areas.

Alumni Spectator: Amber stated that if anyone needs back issues of the Spectator, she has extra copies. Amber received some reunion information from the class of 67 from **Kathryn Baumann**. If anyone has additional details, please let her know.

Public Relations: Elaine stated that she has boxes of old Spectators. **Wendy (Schmidt 68) Manfredi** said she put an article in the November/December Spotlight concerning our organization. Webmaster, **Don Krolkowski (77)** said 1,622 people visited our IHS Boosters website in the last month. Of this total, 460 visited our alumni page. Don noted that there is always an uptick of viewers of our web page after a broadcast message is sent. **Pat (Czarniak 60) Stephan** made reminder calls for the September meeting but no one answered the calls so she left messages.

Membership: Elaine said she sent a thank you note to **Walter “Bud” Wisnieski (38)** for his donation to the Association. Twenty seven membership cards were mailed. Elaine said a megaphone has been placed in the Alumni Showcase. It was donated by Debbie Cosiano who received it from the Kent family six years ago when her family purchased a home in Independence. Claudia Kent graduated in 1960 and Constance Kent in 1964. These are the only names she could find in the roster so she assumes the megaphone is from the 60s. Elaine has no record of any Cosiano graduating from IHS; however, Debbie said she still has a daughter in school here. Elaine is still looking for someone to take over the Alumni Showcase in the new high school. Bonnie said she would take over the Alumni Showcase

To date, we have 174 alumni members, up from 157 in June. There is a paid members list at the sign in table. The right hand column shows whether or not your dues have expired.

Old Business: The Alumni high school football game was great. **Kelly Hatfield (78)** and Bob Wagner were at the front gate selling bricks. The next time we will be selling bricks will be at the Alumni basketball game, which will be the second Saturday in February.

Kelly said that we had 155 visitors at our Home Days tent. Tickets were sold for chances on the Chinese raffle gift baskets. There was one basket, however, that was being raffled off on Saturday evening; however, we didn't explain clearly where the ticket holders should be for the surprise drawing. Because of this, some people were waiting at the bandstand and others the alumni tent. There were ten baskets under the tent and ten more at the alumni breakfast on Sunday. She indicated that the bottle of bourbon went to a good home and the framed picture of money was won by **Rose (Czarniak 66) Weber**.

New Business: Rhonee said that at the March 2018 alumni meeting, the Association will be presenting the Educator of Excellence Award so please give us your nominations as soon as possible. Class reunions this year include the Class of 78 (Kelly Hatfield) and the Class of 68 (Wendy Schmidt Manfredi). The Class of 76 lost a member, Mike Clark, whose memorial service is being held at the Independence Civic Center on Sept. 17, at 1:00 pm.

Dale Veverka (70) asked whether we will be doing an alumni brunch again in 2018 after Home Days. **Chris Zamborsky (78)** replied yes. He's already secured the Kiwanis pavilion. Don suggested that we get a sponsor for the breakfast. Rhonee replied that we do that now. It was determined that we need help selling breakfast tickets. We could number the tickets to keep track of how many are sold and have them printed in March and begin selling them at the March meeting. It was suggested that we keep the ticket price at \$10.

Pat Stephan made a motion to adjourn. Elaine Kukawka seconded the motion that unanimously passed. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Jorasch Pandin
Recording Secretary