



**IHS Alumni Association
Minutes
Monday, November 13, 2017**



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

Introduction of Board Members: Officers introduced themselves and Rhonee welcomed **Paulette (Sledz 63) Brooks**, registered nurse; **Stephanie (Borowy 01) Van Dyke**, library specialist; and **Mike Schmidt (77)**, real estate professional. The Alumni Association's new chair is **Bruce Riha (61)**.

School District Update: High school principal Bill McGuinness stated that IHS had a successful athletic season. The girls' golf team, coached by Karl Schuld, won the state title and set a new record for fewest strokes. The girls' volleyball team, coached by **Meagan Osysco (08)**, made it to the Final Four. The girls' cross country team went to Regionals. Once again, Mr. McGuinness reminded us that "This is your school!"

Independence Local Schools Strategic Plan: Charlene Paparizos provided information on the school district's strategic plan. A community survey was completed by parents of school age children, senior citizens and alumni. Ms. Paparizos summarized the survey results and stated that 84.2% of respondents were satisfied with the current curriculum.

Minutes of Sept. 11 Alumni Meeting: After a few minor corrections, **John Galik (54)** made a motion to accept the Minutes as prepared by Recording Secretary, **Bonnie (Jorasch 69) Pandin**. **Elaine (Wisnieski 57) Kukawka** seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Robert Wagner (66)** stated our treasury balance is the highest it has ever been, at \$11,009.47. The sale of historical bricks from the Brecksville Road school was very lucrative.

Calendar of Events: President Rhonee Iula said January 26 will be designated Alumni Night at the Basketball Game. Hall of Fame winners will be honored at 7 pm before the game. There will be a section reserved for the alumni association members. The next quarterly meeting on March 12 will be held at 11:30 am in the Family Consumer Science room of the high school and a light lunch will be provided. The Educator of Excellence award will be presented at this time. The June 11 alumni meeting will resume in the high school media center (library) where the Alumni of Distinction award will be presented. The meeting begins at 7 pm.

There are a couple of options for an alumni association gift to the high school this year. One of them is an outside electronic message board behind the baseball field. If we decide on this option, Bob Wagner stated we'd have to get approval from the city. Another idea is the creation of a wall of alums listing who died during active military duty. Our gift would constitute a monetary donation for a plaque. Another idea is furniture for the school's common areas.

Alumni Spectator: According to editor **Amber (Veverka 07) Axner**, the winter issue could still use updates and photos.

Public Relations: **Don Krolkowski (77)**, Webmaster, informed us that he updated the email distribution list and is incorporating new Minutes on the web page. We presently have 632 email addresses. Our

website is www.IHSBoosters.com. A big thank you to **Pat (Czarniak 60) Stephan** who made reminder calls for today's meeting and provided our refreshments.

Old Business: Vice President **Kelly Hatfield (78)** sold 10 commemorative bricks at Fall Fest. She had photos of the old Brecksville Road school on hand so prospective buyers could see where the bricks originated. There are still 100 bricks for sale. Holiday Fest will be Sunday, December 3 from noon to 4:00 pm. Rhonee said we have some shingles from the demolished Brecksville Road school and wondered if we painted a scene on them if we could offer them for sale. A discussion ensued. We are still taking nominations for the Educator of Excellence. Information is still needed on class reunions.

Correspondence: Corresponding Secretary **Elaine Kukawka** said the Association received another significant donation from **Jack Katzenmeyer (57)** and we thank him for his generosity. The Alumni Showcase is up to date. Someone sent a 1937 commencement program regarding **Edwin Baumann (37)**. There was no return address or note. It is in the commencement binder for review. Membership totals 178 since the September quarterly meeting. Photos from **Les Klevay's (47)** family are on the table for viewing.

Before the meeting concluded, retired Army Lt. General, Bob Wagner and wife Pamela distributed green light bulbs for "Greenlight a Vet". Alums were asked to exchange one light in a visible location in their home or office with a green light bulb and keep it glowing every day as a symbol of support and appreciation for our veterans.

John Galik made a motion to adjourn. Bruce Riha seconded the motion which passed unanimously. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Jorasch Pandin
Recording Secretary