

**IHS Alumni Association**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday , September 13, 2021**

**Meeting Called to Order:** Dale Veverka (President) called the “in person” meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting was held at IHS in the Media Room.

**Attendance:** The following board members were present: Dale Veverka (70) , Bob Wagner (66), Chris Zambosky (78), Don Krolikowski (77), Wendy (Schmidt) Manfredi (68), Vickie (Wiecek) Rich (70), and Amber Veverka (07) along with 10 other alumni and 2 Administrators: Mr. Ben Hegedish (Superintendent) and Jamie Hogue (IHS Principal) .

**Minutes from June 14th Meeting:** Don read the minutes from the June 14,2021 meeting. Motion to accept by Don and 2nd motion by Amber. Minutes accepted as is.

**New Business :** Dale advised the members of the Association that Elaine(Wiśnieski) Kukawka (57) - Corresponding Secretary had passed away.Dale also advised that Benjamin Vitron (2021) and 2021 alumni scholarship winner had been tragically killed in a car accident. At this time Dale asked for a moment of silence for both Elaine and Ben. Pat (Czarniak) Stephan (60) - Hospitality - will no longer be able to fulfill her obligations due to medical issues Dale asked for volunteers to bring refreshments for the next meeting. (Please note: after the meeting had been adjourned Vickie (Wiecek) Rich (70) spoke with Dale and volunteered to provide refreshments for the next meeting.)

**Superintendent Report:** Ben Hegedish reported that June and July ran very smoothly for the district. He did state that August had been very hectic. Fall sports teams were in full swing, school was starting, and Covid 19 was on the rise. He said the board was actively working together to make the 2021/2022 school year a safe and great experience for all of the

teachers, administrators and especially the students. He stressed outdoor and safe learning as much as possible. He mentioned the upcoming Spring Band Trip, Homecoming Game as well as the "Outdoor" Homecoming Dance planned for September 17th and 18th 2021. He stressed that if needed due to a rise in Covid or a state mandate the district will make their decision on whether or not masks will be required.

Mr. Hegedish thanked the association for the Educator of Excellence Awards that were given to the entire staff including teachers, aides, administrators, maintenance personnel and bus drivers, administrative. He said that all recipients sent a heartfelt "thank you".

**IHS Principal Report:** Jamie Hogue was present and gave the following update. This week (9/13 - 9/17) the High School will be celebrating Spirit Week. Exciting games are coming up, halls have been decorated and a huge student cheering section has been at the football games. There will be a student assembly and class competitions. The goal is to have a great FALL session and make it memorable for the students.

Mr. Hogue also praised the other Fall sport teams, Golf, Girls CVCC Champs.. Cross Country , Soccer.

Mr. Hogue mentioned Ben Vitron and praised the community for all of the support that has been given to the Vitron Family.

**Treasure Report:** Bob Wagner (66) :Bob handed out copies of the Treasurer's Report date 9/13/2021. He noted that the Expenses + Bank Fees since the June 14,2021 meeting was just the Alumni Spectator. The breakdown was as follows: printing: \$345.00 (\$1.10 per copy), Mailing service : \$125.00 (\$.40 per copy) and postage \$203.60 (\$.60 per copy) 315 copies @ \$2.14 per copy = \$673. 06.

**IHS Reunions:** Dale Veverka (70) reported that the Class of 1970 held their 50+1 year reunion the weekend of August 6th and 7th , 2021. A great time was had by all. 54 classmates along with 40 guests and 3 IHS teachers, 1 Middle School teacher and 1 teacher from St. Michael School were in attendance. The class of 1970 is proposing some type of donation

in their name to the Alumni Assoc. Discussions will need to be held to discuss the prospect of sending out copies of the Spectator or a “free” 1 year membership. Dale and the 1970 Class Reunion Committee will have further discussions.

**Existing Officers:** Dale brought up the election of officers. Bob Wagner made a motion to continue with the current officers in place. A second motion was made and accepted.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Dale briefly discussed the position of corresponding secretary. Elaine has held this position for several years. There are several components that need to be reviewed. There is a master list, there are several spreadsheets involved... Current Membership.. Re-construction of the Data. This will need to be further discussed by the officers as to how to move forward with all of the DATA and who will be assigned to continue with these duties. All correspondence is now being directed to the IHS mailing address and Dale is responsible for gathering anything that comes into the attention of the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

**Website:** Don reported that he has been working on a new and improved website. IndyBoosters.com. Amber (Spectator) spoke briefly about an electronic newsletter in the future. She also requested some news articles and pictures be submitted.

**Generate Interest In the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:** There was a general discussion as to how the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION can interest ALUMNI into joining the Association. What type of advertising would work. Bonnie (Jorasch) Pandin (69) suggested that a table be set up and that stickers saying “Independence Alumni” be passed out at the upcoming HOMECOMING GAME. Also, Chris Zamborsky (77) suggested putting an add in the sports programs that are passed out. Chris also suggested having an ALUMNI SPORTS GAME night in the future. All good ideas that will be discussed further.

**Calendar:** General Meeting : Monday November 8th 2021  
IHS Media Room @ 7:pm

**Adjournment:** Bonnie motioned to adjourn and Amber seconded the motion.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Vickie (Wiecek) Rich (70)  
Recording Secretary