



IHS Alumni Association
Minutes
Monday September 14, 2015



Meeting Called to Order: The business meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Rhonee (Trakas 75) Iula. There were 24 members and guests in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: Rhonee

Speaker for Tonight: Michael Foor, Industrial Technology teacher at IHS and head of the IHS robotics program. Mr. Foor brought one of his robots with him, much to the delight of the attendees. He discussed the important of STEM – science, technology, engineering and math for today’s students especially in the field of robotics. The robots used for most schools are made by Lego or VEX. The robot visiting today is a VEX classroom robotics kit, made to be disassembled and reassembled many times by students. VEX posts its competition events online as competition among schools is very common with interest growing. The playing field for competition is either 12 foot x 12 foot or 16 foot x 16 foot. Four robot kits were purchased by IHS. The middle school uses a simpler model made by Lego. Everyone applauded this excellent presentation.

President’s Message: Rhonee (Trakas 75) Iula noted that Mr. McGuinness, high school principal, was absent due to the flu and is unable to appear today. She noted that IHS cheerleaders organized a pep rally to boost school spirit. This group will appear at all football games to bolster team spirit.

American Sign Language is now taught at IHS. Kudos to Kiley Duhn who received 6 scores of 5 on her Advanced Placement exams.

Dale Veverka made a motion to accept the June 8th Minutes as they stand. Elaine (Wisnieski 57) Kukawka seconded the motion. Minutes stand as written.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Bob Wagner (66) distributed copies of his report of August 31, 2015 to members. We have a balance of \$7,699.30 in the checking account, which is an increase of \$371.45.

Income totaled \$1,818.00 which included \$50.00 Vodrazka contribution for Home Days, \$128.00 for Home Days raffle tickets, \$320.00 membership dues, \$660.00 donations and \$660.00 for Breakfast in the Park meal and raffle tickets.

Expenses totaled \$1,446.05 which included \$85.00 for display plaque for senior scholarships, \$500.00 graduating senior award, \$114.66 for *Alumni Spectator* newsletter postage, \$286.39 for newsletter printing fees through DigiCom, \$100.00 for Chris Zamborski half of which was from Vodrazka; and \$360 to caterer Marge Walter for Breakfast in the Park brunch.

Alumni Spectator: Amber Veverka (07) Editor, is requesting members to submit newsworthy information. Class of 68 had an informal reunion. Class of 56 will meet at the Independence Garden Club’s annual salad luncheon on September 17. Class of 54 had 18 alumni meet at Creekside in Brecksville. Next year they will meet at The Bramley House for their 80th birthdays. Class of 57 got together in August.

New Business: Rhonee reported that Elaine donated 3 video chairs to the high school. Regarding the high school open house, no one from the Alumni Assn. attended due to a scheduling conflict.

Chris Zamborsky (78) stated that 42 alumni attended the Breakfast in the Park brunch with \$660.00 in receipts and \$350.00 expenses we made \$310 profit.

Elaine thanked Don Krolikowski (77) for helping set up the tables and chairs in the Alumni tent for Home Days. She said we picked up a 10 new memberships that weekend. Jack Buess (37) came by Saturday afternoon and helped. He passed away a couple of weeks ago. At the funeral service, there was memorabilia from Jack's life, along with his Diploma of Distinction, blue and gold scarf, and article from *Independence Today* magazine. The Diploma meant so much to Jack. Just coming to our quarterly meetings meant a lot to him. Elaine thanked the Association for instituting the Educator of Excellence Award and Diploma of Distinction.

Elaine received thank you notes from Kelsey Stanfanski, Lena Zumack and Ally Porochonski, 2015 Alumni Award recipients; a note from John Galik who received the Distinguished Diploma award this year; and a monetary donation from Jack Katzenmeyer (57) in memory of Jack Buess.

Mailed were 38 membership cards and 3 thank you notes to Walter "Bud" Wisnieski (38), Lynn Carlisle (63) Ferrence and Walter Zverina (Educator) for monetary donations.

Tony and Sue DiGeronimo have donated a copy of the 2015 year book. Additional printing on our alumni tent for the amount of \$30 will include "Welcome IHS Alumni".

March 14th, 2016 at 11:30 am will be our Educator of Excellent Award presentation and meeting.

Don Krolikowski, Webmaster, said we had 104 visitors to the Boosters website and many visited the reunion page. There were 13 email addresses that are incorrect and will be forward to Elaine and our membership chair, Peggy Korecko (88).

Don encouraged alumni to attend the IHS football games and to bring a friend.

Rhonee said that packets were distributed to graduating seniors concerning the alumni association and legacy ribbons. Rhonee asked if anyone had a speaker for the November meeting. Bonnie (Jorasch 69) Pandin asked someone to provide latest developments on the Turf the Field project.

There was a discussion on attendance at upcoming football games, etc. Thoughts were to have an alumni night at the football game.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Jorasch Pandin
Recording Secretary