



**IHS Alumni Association
Minutes
Monday, November 9, 2020**

Meeting Called to Order: Dale Veverka called the ZOOM meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members in Attendance: Present: Dale Veverka (70) – President • Chris Zamborsky (78) - Vice President • Sue Sledz (70) - Recording Secretary • Bob Wagner (66) – Treasurer • Don Krolkowski (77) – Webmaster • Rhonee (Trakas 75) Iula • Amber (Veverka 07) Axner - Alumni Spectator Editor. Not Present: Pat (Czarniak 60) Stephan – Hospitality • Elaine (Wisnieski 57) Kukawka – Corresponding Secretary • Wendy (Schmidt 68) Manfredi - Communication Director. Superintendent Ben Hegedish and Athletic Director Annie McGhee were also in attendance.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Ben Hegedish reported that the school system has achieved 45 days of in-person instruction. Remote learning will begin Tuesday, November 10, 2020. This decision was made based on current levels of infections, staff members and classes in quarantine, correlating staffing shortages in transportation and custodial departments, and pending test results of students and staff. Mr. Hegedish hoped the remote learning would be short-term, lasting only a couple weeks. In the interim, athletics and clubs will continue.

IHS Sports Report: Athletic Director Annie McGhee thanked the Alumni Association for the group's financial support of the 2020 student banners. She also gave commendations to the following teams: Girls and Boys Golf, Cross Country and Soccer, Football and Girls Volleyball. Wrestling should be starting soon.

Minutes of September Quarterly Alumni Meeting: The Board reviewed the minutes of the September meeting. Chris Zamborsky motioned to approve the minutes as written and presented. Motion was seconded by Rhonee Trakas Iula. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bob Wagner reported that the Alumni Association Account balance was \$9,030.61 as of November 9, 2020. Expenses totaling \$335.50 since the last report included \$315 for Yearbook advertisement and book purchase, \$14.50 for SETTA Trophy and \$6 of bank fees. Income since the last report was \$470.78 attributed to \$470 of new and renewed memberships and \$.78 of interest. Bob reported that the Association has adequate funds to cover two \$500 Senior Awards, a gift to the school and the continued alumni spectator publication.

Bob reported that he and Don Krolkowski have not yet completed the research about online pay applications (such as, PayPal, EZPay, VenMo and Zelle) that could be used for memberships and/or donations.

Website: Don Krolkowski reported that there were 370 visitors September through November. One broadcast message was distributed. Don will share names of returned/failed email addresses with the committee. Don will add the high school sports channel link on the website.

Educator of Excellence: The group decided to suspend the usual March luncheon festivities due to COVID. Instead of recognizing a single educator this year, the Association will distribute an Appreciation Award Certificate to all staff in the three buildings, recognizing their heroic efforts during the pandemic to provide quality education to our students. Bob Wagner, Don Krolkowski and Amber Axner will work on the project.

Diploma of Distinction: The group also decided to suspend this award for 2021.

Graduation: The Association will continue with plans to award two \$500 Awards to graduating seniors. There will be no plans to pin legacy graduates.

Alumni Spectator: Amber Veverka Axner reported that the newsletter is targeted to go out mid December.

New Membership: No Report

Correspondence: Sue Sledz read Elaine Kukawka's report. Elaine sent 8 renewal and two new membership cards and sent a thank you to Judy Prucha's (59) daughter Terri (81) for the Spectator article. Elaine also thanked Martin Kordos (64) for donating his graduation tassel to the Alumni Showcase. Elaine reported 144 members. Dale Veverka plans to work with Rhonee Trakas and Elaine Kukawka to reconcile membership count discrepancies. Dale will also talk to Elaine about possibility of eliminating the membership card.

Home Days: Dale Veverka stated that the Home Days Booth and Breakfast in the Park are a "wait and see." Chris Zamborsky will confirm the pavilion reservation for the Sunday morning breakfast.

Calendar of Events:

General Meeting – March 8, 2021 (There will be no luncheon. The meeting will be held at 7pm)

General Meeting – June 14, 2021

Home Days Booth – August 6-7, 2021

Breakfast in the Park – August 8, 2021

Other Discussion: Rhonee Trakas suggested that the group conduct some strategic planning discussions. The group agreed with the idea, but will wait until in person gatherings are safe and permissible. Members did not want to use ZOOM meetings for the discussions. In the meantime, Don Krolikowski and Amber Axner will discuss social media strategies.

Election of Officers: The topic will be added to the next meeting agenda. Elections are due next summer.

Adjournment: Bob Wagner motioned to adjourn. Amber Axner seconded the motion. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Sledz
Recording Secretary