



## IHS Alumni Association Minutes Meeting: Monday November 12, 2012



**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 PM by Dale Veverka (70). Eighteen members in attendance.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by the veterans in attendance in honor of Veterans Day, November 11.

**Introduction of Board Members:** By Dale Veverka

**Minutes from Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Elaine (Wisnieski 57) Kukawka made a motion that the Minutes of the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting be accepted. Seconded by Rose (Pedal 56) Sposet. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasure's Report:** Report distributed to members. The Association received one 5-year membership and one 1-year membership since the last meeting.

November 12 Balance:	Money Market Fund:	\$4,272.37
	Checking Account:	\$2,399.06

**Principal's Report:** Principal William McGinnes was unavailable this evening.

**New Business:** Bob Wagner (66) suggested that Verso should be our next Dining to Donate fundraiser to be held between Thanksgiving and Christmas with a second Dining to Donate after Christmas to be held at Applebee's. Bonnie (Jorasch 69) Pandin made a motion to affirm these restaurants and dates. Elaine seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bonnie accepted the book, *Protecting Engineering Ideas and Inventions*, from author Tom Penkalski (52), to be added to the Alumni Showcase in the High School. Tom mentioned he wrote the book in plain language for use by engineers and potential inventors. He explained to members that he was presently involved in producing and marketing a financial literacy software program.

Elaine indicated that two alums donated their class rings to the Alumni Showcase.

Tim Skoczen (76), IHS Athletic Director, is getting rid of some sports uniforms and wondered if we would like some for our collection in the Alumni Showcase.

Elaine also alerted members to the article in *Independence Today* concerning Bob Wagner's military service and community involvement since his retirement from the army after 39 years of service. He co-chairs Our Community Salutes of Cleveland, a nonprofit organization that honors high school graduates in Northeastern Ohio who anticipate military service.

Bob Wagner, in turn, congratulated Elaine Kukawka for being the recipient of the Most Treasured Volunteers Award presented by the City Club of Cleveland for her work and dedication to University Settlement and founder of "Ed's Fund for Kids".

**Reunions:** There will be reunions for the classes of 72, 75, 77 and 82. Send in your information for the *Alumni Spectator*.

**Alumni Award:** Dale reported the Alumni Associations' award to IHS will be the balance of the cost owed on the I-Pad given to the school last year. As far as the essay contest next spring, he is seeking

members who would like to participate in the selection process by reading essays. Dale suggested that if a class reunion has residual funds after expenses, they consider a donation to the Alumni Association.

**Recent Deaths:** IHS retired teachers Bill Taylor and Robert Papp. Also, Tom Eichler, Class of 75, passed away in October. We were told about a memorial service for Donald Galik (53), brother of John Galik (54) who passed away on October 28. It will be held on November 17 at 11:30 am at the Brecksville United Methodist Church.

**Alumni Spectator-Fall Edition:** Amber Veverka (07), new *Alumni Spectator* editor, is seeking information concerning alumni weddings, engagements, births, etc. She is listed on Facebook if anyone wants to submit information via this venue. She can also be reached by email [amber.veverka@att.net](mailto:amber.veverka@att.net) or telephone (216) 408-7685. She hopes to have a rough draft ready this weekend.

**Membership:** Elaine reported we have a total of 189 paid members. Thank you letters we sent to Jim and Carol Krysciak Tyburski for the donation of their class rings from 1957 and 1959. Thank you to Lisa (Topolski 84) Polak for her donation of ring boxes for our collection. An advertisement was placed in the *Independence Today* September-October issue regarding gift memberships. There has been no response as of this date. Elaine has a copy of the *Independence Today* issue which includes the article on our Treasurer, Bob Wagner, for anyone to read. We also have a copy of Bill Taylor's obituary. Elaine reported there are approximately 70 email addresses that have been rejected by our Webmaster's list.

Dale stated that due to John Galik resigning as Membership Chair, the Association is seeking someone to fill this position. Don Krolikowski (77) suggested we include the current membership application form on our website for alums to renew their membership. Bonnie Pandin to provide. A discussion ensued on how the Association can grow its membership. Wendy (Schmidt 68) Manfredi suggested we provide membership drive letters and applications to reunion committees so they can have them available in a conspicuous place for alums to see. Wendy also suggested including something in the Spectator concerning the open position of Membership Chair. Dale said the Board needs volunteers for the Home Days booth in 2013.

**Alumni Brunch in Elmwood Park:** Pat (Czarniak 60) Stephan indicated the Kiwanis Pavilion needs to be reserved the day after Labor Day. Since we didn't reserve earlier, the only time we can now use the pavilion for the brunch in 2013 is 8:00 am to 11:00 pm. Pat is looking for volunteers to take over facilitating the Alumni Brunch. Many in attendance attempted to change her mind, especially since the last brunch was so successful, especially with the raffle for gift baskets.

**Diploma of Distinction:** Bob Wagner made a motion to host a Diploma of Distinction next June. Elaine seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Other:** Our next meeting is March 11, 2013. Dale asked attendees to bring in their high school memorabilia to share with the group.

**Adjourn:** Adjournment 8:20 pm.