



**IHS Alumni Association  
Minutes  
Monday, June 11, 2018**



**Meeting Called to Order:** Following the Diploma of Distinction ceremony, whereby **Tony DiGeronimo**, class of 1975 was bestowed with this honor, the June quarterly alumni meeting commenced at 7:40 pm with thirty one alumni present. President **Rhonee (Trakas 75) Iula**, asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

**Introduction of Board Members:** Officers introduced themselves.

**Minutes of March 12 Alumni Meeting:** Recording Secretary **Bonnie (Jorasch 69) Pandin** distributed the Minutes and asked for any changes. **Dale Veverka (70)** made a motion to accept the Minutes as written and Corresponding Secretary **Elaine (Wisnieski 57) Kukawka**, seconded the motion. The Minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer **Bob Wagner (66)** was not in attendance but his report was distributed to members. Expenses since the last quarterly meeting were \$1,592.54 and income was \$1,156.65. Our account balance is \$10,596.61. Among Bob's comments: Donations remain essential to the Association, Bob recommends our annual school gift should be in the neighborhood of \$500 to \$1,000, special thank you is in order to Erica Peterson, Editor in Chief for *Independence Today*, for her article in the May 2018 edition which can be seen at [www.scriptype.com](http://www.scriptype.com), congratulations to the Educator of Excellence committee for a great program in March and thanks to Vice President **Kelly Hatfield (78)** for creating the Chinese raffle baskets for Home Days.

**Calendar of Events:** Regarding our gift to the high school, school officials are hoping to build a pavilion at the stadium inside the fenced area near concessions. This is in the early planning stages. Our gift could be a contribution toward this effort. By September the school will have made some plans and will keep our Association advised. Elaine gave Erica Peterson, *Independence Today* writer, a copy of the 1945 IHS football team roster. She is creating an article about the Association's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Many thanks to Kelly for creating the Chinese raffle baskets for Home days and the Sunday brunch. A \$100 down payment was made to the caterer for the Breakfast in the Park on Sunday following Home Days.

**Principal's Report:** Bill McGuinness advised that 94 students graduated this year. They were a spirited class filled with many good ideas – service oriented. They contributed 7,000 hours of community service. IHS received a \$20,000 donation of a silk screening machine for Arts and Technology. Remember – this is your school!

**Alumni Spectator:** *Alumni Spectator* Editor **Amber (Veverka 07) Axner** reports that the June *Alumni Spectator* is currently at the printer. Amber requested photos and reunion news. Independence Historian **Wes Gaab (42)** was asked if he had any new stories. He said years ago Independence had a two day minstrel show that was a lot of fun!

**Public Relations:** Communications Director **Wendy (Schmidt 68) Manfredi** said she will find information on our most recent new member and provide Amber with a bio. Webmaster **Don Krolkowski (77)** said our website had 401 visits. He explained that after an email broadcast, there is always a bump up in number of visits. Hospitality Chair **Pat (Czarniak 60) Stephan** made 17 reminder calls to local members regarding the last meeting.

**Membership:** Membership Chair, **Bruce Riha (61)**, said he would contact those who did not renew their membership.

**Correspondence:** Elaine reported the Association received another significant donation from Jack Katzenmeyer and she sent a thank you note to him. She received a thank you from Tony Appenzeller for a mass in his memory. She received a thank you from Karah Chappel, alumni award recipient. Also received was an inquiry on the whereabouts of Judie Anderson, whose last known address was Lakeland, Florida. Another person was inquiring about the address for Laurie Appenzeller. An email was received from Sandra Thomas offering to help in the alumni tent. A notice was received on the third IHS Football golf outing on July 7, 2018. Membership totals 190 – up since last November’s meeting. There are approximately 33 people who have not renewed their membership.

**Old Business:** Dale Veverka advised that we had 26 participants in the alumni award essays. Winners were **Karah Chappel** and **Nicole Dolansky**. Kelly Hatfield said there were 19 legacy graduates in the class of 2018 that were pinned with legacy ribbons by Bonnie Pandin and herself. Light Touch was the photographer for the event.

**New Business:** Breakfast in the Park committee consists of Kelly Hatfield, Pat Stephan and Chris Zamborsky. A sign up sheet was passed around so that members could select a time when they could volunteer in the alumni tent to assist visitors and sell tickets. Shifts are approximately 2 ½ hours. Alumni Brunch tickets will only be sold on Friday and total headcount of attendees given to our caterer. Kelly asked for a donation of money, gift cards and prizes. Prior yearbooks will be on display and we’ll still be selling bricks! Kelly said her 40<sup>th</sup> reunion is coming up in September. Class of 68 and 83 are holding reunions this year and the class of 56 is having their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Amber Axner is seeking someone to take over as Editor of *Alumni Spectator*.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Bonnie Jorasch Pandin**  
**Recording Secretary**