



IHS Alumni Association
Minutes
Monday, March 8, 2021

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 • Sue Sledz (70) - Recording Secretary • Bob Wagner (66) – Treasurer • Don Krolikowski (77) – Webmaster • Amber (Veverka 07) Axner - Alumni Spectator Editor • Pat (Czarniak 60) Stephan – Hospitality. Not Present: Chris Zamborsky (78) - Vice President • Elaine (Wisnieski 57) Kukawka – Corresponding Secretary • Wendy (Schmidt 68) Manfredi - Communication Director • Rhonee (Trakas 75) Iula.

Superintendent's Report: None

Minutes of November Quarterly Alumni Meeting: The Board reviewed the minutes of the November meeting. Don Krolikowski motioned to approve the minutes as written and presented. Motion was seconded by Bob Wagner. Motion passed unanimously. With officer elections due in June meeting, Sue Sledz announced she has surgery due in May, so this will be her last meeting. She is rolling off the board.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bob Wagner provided the 2020 Annual Financial Report. Starting balance for the year was \$12,396.16. Ending balance was \$7,952. Income for the year consisted of membership dues (\$1,050), donations (\$616) and interest (\$15.11). Expenses included awards (\$1000), school gift (\$2500), newsletters (\$2005.69), Yearbook ad & purchase (\$315), Educator of Excellence (\$167.40), membership cards (\$23.10), engraved plate (\$14.50), computer program (\$75.58) and bank fees (\$24). Factors effecting 2020 income & expenses were a larger than normal school gift, three newsletters instead of two, loss of some large dollar donors and loss of Home Days income. Bob sees no impacts to the annual program.

Bob also provided a 2021 YTD Report. The Alumni Association Account balance as of January 1, 2021 was \$7,952. Income year to-date was \$979.48. It consisted of \$350 for memberships, \$620 in donations and interest of \$0.48. Expenses were \$4.00 for bank fees. Current balance is \$8,927.48. Bob noted that Elaine Kukawka donated \$500 and Irene Siska donated \$100. Bob Wagner donated the costs for the certificates, envelopes, address labels and printing for the 207 Educator of Excellence Certificates. Sue Sledz motioned to approve the Treasurer's Reports as submitted. Motion was seconded by Don Krolikowski. Motion passed unanimously.

Educator of Excellence: Bob Wagner reported that awards were sent to 207 employees of Independence Schools to honor and thank them for their service during the pandemic year. Bob completed the certificates and donated the costs of completion. Dale Veverka thanked Bob Wagner for his work on the task. Certificates were being distributed on March 8, 2021. Dale and Bob will decide how to display this year's award on the Educator of Excellence plaque.

Reunions: Dale Veverka reported that the Class of 1970 is planning their 51st reunion for Home Days weekend. Peggy Korecko (88) suggested perhaps the Alumni Association could lead in guidance for classes who would like to have a reunion.

Elections: Dale Veverka reported that elections should occur in June and will be seeking members interested in serving. Sue Sledz stated that the group had previously agreed to conduct a planning session in the future

and suggested that the group conduct the planning work session in place of a June General Meeting before electing new officers. Bob Wagner agreed with the timing. Peggy Korecko suggested conducting a survey before the planning workshop. Bob Wagner will complete a survey draft in the next 30-45 days and will distribute the survey draft to members for review. No date was set for the actual planning workshop.

Graduation Awards: The Association will award two \$500 Awards to graduating seniors. Dale Veverka reviewed the existing process and asked for volunteers to review submissions. We typically receive 15 – 30 submissions. Peggy Korecko volunteered with several suggestions on how to conduct the process. Dale Veverka will meet with Peggy Korecko to discuss moving forward.

Graduation Legacy Ribbons: Dale Veverka ordered legacy ribbons and asked for volunteers to pin ribbons on the graduates (if COVID restrictions so permit). Bob Wagner asked Dale to get an advance list of the legacy ribbon graduates for the committee to review to ensure no omissions.

Website: Don Krolikowski reported 402 users since November. He noted that the usage is very low. The topic should be discussed in the planning workshop.

Alumni Spectator: Amber Veverka Axner asked for content ideas for the next newsletter. Peggy Korecko suggested recruiting some student writers to assist with articles.

New Membership: No Report

Correspondence: Sue Sledz read Elaine Kukawka's report. Elaine has sent membership cards to three new members and three renewals since January 1, 2021. She sent an email to Irene Siska thanking her for her donation in memory of her husband Charles Siska ('66) and of her son Owen Siska ('94). Elaine sent 36 emails reminding members that their dues were due. Elaine reported 140 members.

Home Days: Bob Wagner reported that the Mayor stated that the city intends to host Home Days. Amber Axner reported that city staff is meeting this week to discuss Home Days. Dale reported that Chris Zamborsky has already reserved the pavilion for the breakfast. However, it remains uncertain, at this time, whether there will be a breakfast. Peggy Korecko shared ideas on hosting a virtual zoom breakfast.

Diploma of Distinction: Dale Veverka asked for nominees for the award.

Calendar of Events:

General Meeting – June 14, 2021

Home Days Booth – August 6-7, 2021

Breakfast in the Park – August 8, 2021

Adjournment: Sue Sledz motioned to adjourn. Don Krolikowski seconded the motion. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Sledz
Recording Secretary