

ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Fall Business Meeting

October 22, 2013

The Elk County Catholic High School Alumni Association held its annual Fall Business meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at 7:00 pm at the school's administration building. The following were in attendance:

Vice-President:	Jackie LeGrys	'91
Secretary:	Danielle Fledderman	'91
Treasurer:	Kelly Breindel	'89
Director of Advancement:	Mary Meyer	'65
Director of Communications:	Lindsey Straub	'02
Database Manager and Special Event Coordinator:	Francesca Stubber	'05
Other alumni present included:	Millie Sweeney	'44
	Midge Lenze	'47
	RoseMarie Gregory	'50
	Betty Gornati	'51
	E. Carleen Koch	'56

I. Opening Prayer

Due to the absence of President Dawn Salter, Vice-President Jackie LeGrys opened the meeting at 7:03 pm with the reading of the alumni prayer.

II. Review of Minutes/Correspondence

Copies of the minutes from the Spring Business meeting had been sent to all class representatives prior to the meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Carleen Koch and seconded by Midge Lenze. The motion was approved. There was no correspondence.

III. Treasurer's Report

The budget for the 2013-2014 year is \$9000 with the only expense so far being the \$500 corporate sponsorship. There is still \$2500 left from the closure of the checking account designated for a specific project. In addition, there is still some activities money for an additional project. Mary Meyer expressed that there may be a shortfall in the system's charitable income so the thought was to possibly reallocate the 2013-'14 budget. It was thought best to wait and see what the general operating expenses were as well as the results of the ECCSS fund drive. RoseMarie Gregory made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with these recommendations and Betty Gornati made the second motion. The report was approved.

IV. Interim President of the System Remarks

Mary Agnes Marshall, via a phone call to Mary Meyer, related that they were narrowing down candidates for the permanent position of President. Monsignor Kaza, Fr. Nick Rouch and other ECCSS board members have been conducting interviews. Possibly by Thanksgiving a new President be in place.

V. Director of Advancement Remarks

The ECCSS general fund mailing went out 3 weeks ago.

VI. Topics of Discussion

Golden Grads

Set up went well. A tour of the school for the honored class was a new part of the festivities this year and was very enjoyable. The possibility of a tour for everyone else after the dinner or maybe even before mass was brought up. The committee can make that decision next year. It was agreed to pay Veronica Chicola \$300 for her services, \$50 to the dishwasher, and \$50 to Fr. Ross. Tablecloths were a point of discussion. Borrowing white ones from the St. Marys Parish Bereavement Committee or maybe renting gold ones was mentioned.

Pittsburgh Alumni Gathering

Credit for spearheading the gathering goes to Sara Meier of the Class of 2007. A mailing went out to those within a 30-mile radius of Pittsburgh or approximately 300 people. It will be held on November 14, 2013. Possible future locations of a gathering are Erie, State College, and Washington, DC.

Alumni Share Your Career Get-Together

There were 15 alumni members at the function back in December and the only cost was lunch for the alumni participants.

Spirit Night

The 2014 edition will be held on January 10. Karl Wolfe will work to set up a date for a committee meeting in November or December now that a date for the event was chosen.

Catholic Schools' Week Cyber Blitz

The goal for the week was discussed for donations being made to the ECCSS fund. All donations will be made through online payment methods.

Alumni Pinning

No date has been set yet nor have any details been worked out. There are still enough pins and mugs for the 2014 pinning. The gift of blankets for the graduates was discussed. We will work on getting some feedback from last year's graduates to see if the blankets are worth purchasing and giving again.

Phone-a-Thon

The possibility of a Phone-a-Thon in conjunction with Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) was introduced to the group.

Class Gift Program

A new sound system is needed for the cafeteria with a cost of \$2000. Monday Night Bingo will donate \$1000 if we match it with another \$1000. Our bequests will be \$1000 for the sound system, \$800 to the elementary school library, \$200 for privacy partitions for the kindergarten classrooms, \$1500 for the drama department, \$500 to the middle school library, \$500 to the music department for sheet music, and \$300 to each of the middle and high school art departments.

Edit: Since the meeting, it was realized that this was over budget by \$500 so the \$500 donation to the music department was cut since the program is supported by the music boosters.

Class Representatives

There was nothing to report.

International Student Program

Mary Meyer gave a brief introduction as to how this might be implemented within our system.

VII. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Spring 2014 Business meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Midge Lenze led the group in a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.