

ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Spring Business Meeting
May 27, 2014

The Elk County Catholic High School Alumni Association held its annual Spring Business meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the school's administration building. The following were in attendance:

President:	Dawn Salter	'90
Treasurer:	Kelly Breindel	'89
Director of Advancement:	Mary Meyer	'65
Director of Communications:	Lindsey Straub	'02
Assistant Director of Advancement:	Francesca Stubber	'05
Other alumni present include:	Midge Lenze	'47
	RoseMarie Gregory	'50
	Betty Gornati	'51
	Paula Fritz Eddy	'75
	Mary Pat Dornish	'89

I. Opening Prayer

President Dawn Salter opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the reading of the alumni prayer.

II. Review of Minutes/Correspondence

Copies of the minutes from the Fall Business meeting had been sent to all class representatives prior to the meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mary Pat Dornish with corrections of the title "Spring Meeting" to "Fall Meeting," "Midge Fritz" to "Midge Lenze" a number of times, and a few grammatical errors. Paula Fritz Eddy seconded. The motion was approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

The budget for the 2013-2014 year was \$9,000 using up to \$5,000 of income from the ECCSS Fund as needed. With the end of the fiscal year nearly here, it looks as if the budget will be nearly \$2,750 under budget. Due to this excess, it was requested by the Advancement Office to transfer the costs of the Alumni Happy Hours in Pittsburgh and State College along with the "Share-Your-Career" Get-Together expenses, alumni t-shirts and alumni business meeting snacks to the alumni budget. This will still leave over \$2,000 in the budget. A suggestion of adjusting the budget for 2014-2015 to eliminate the \$800 Homecoming gift expenses to help fund other alumni outreach programs was made. An adjustment was also made to include the income of \$402 from the Spirit Night. Finally, a discussion was held to eliminate the line item for the alumni business meeting snacks and add that expense to the "Gifts for Seniors." RoseMarie Gregory made a motion to accept the report with changes as presented, and Lindsey Straub seconded. It was approved by all.

IV. President of the System Remarks

Mary Meyer reported for Sam McDonald who was unable to attend the meeting. Mary talked about a number of visits to other schools and attending the NCEA conference. Mary expressed that she really enjoyed working with him and continued to say that Sam has been actively researching before he begins formal planning for the future of the system.

V. Director of Advancement Remarks

Mary Meyer reported that the ECCSS Fund has not seen much growth this year but has remained stable. Mary also discussed the recent advantage of postponing the Middle States Evaluation this past year due to the lack of a president last fall. At this point, the staff, with Mr. MacDonald, will be preparing this upcoming year for the Middle States Review which will take place in 2015-16. Mary concluded with reminding us how very blessed we are as a system, because we have no major debt in comparison to the other schools that they have been visiting.

VI. Topics of Discussion

Alumni Share Your Career Get-Together

There were a few less alumni members at the function this past December, but it still was viewed as a huge success. In addition, the Alumni Happy Hours in Pittsburgh and State College have been very successful.

Spirit Night

The 2014 edition was held on Friday, January 10. The success of the event and ideas for tracking attendance and the scavenger hunt were discussed. Attendance was attributed to not only growing popularity but also an optimum weekend with very few conflicts. In addition, a potential fall event in conjunction with a football game was also suggested.

Cyber Blitz

During Catholic Schools, an email, Facebook and website campaign to raise \$1,000 in five days was held. The online giving was very successful. The goal was reached by mid-week and was stretched to \$1,500. This was also obtained, and in just six short days, \$2,065 was donated.

Heritage Award 2014

Midge Lenze was honored at the annual Heritage Gala Benefit Dinner. Her award honored her work and the work of the Alumni Association. Midge thanked Mary for this honor.

VII. New Business

Golden Grads

The 2014 reunion will be on Sunday, October 12. Nancy Caskey and Ann Heffner are the class representatives. A discussion regarding the caterer took place, and it was decided to use the Sacred Heart Social Committee again this year.

Alumni Pinning Gifts

It was discussed, and a motion was made by RoseMarie Gregory to continue using the mugs as gifts for the pinners of the Alumni Pinning Ceremony. It was decided to give Frankie Stubber the authority to order large quantities of mugs to secure a lower price, because we will continue to give them as gifts for a few years.

VIII. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The 2014 Fall Business meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 7 p.m. Mary Meyer led the group in a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.