



Elk County Catholic High School Alumni Association

ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Minutes of the Fall Business Meeting October 17, 2011

The Elk County Catholic High School Alumni Association held its annual Fall Business meeting on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the school conference room. The following were in attendance:

President:	Paula Fritz Eddy	'75
Vice President:	Dawn Salter	'90
Secretary:	Suzy Newman	'86
Treasurer:	Kelly Breindel	'89

President, Elk County Catholic School System	Fr. Michael Ferrick	
Director of Advancement	Mary Meyer	'65
Director of Communications	Lindsey Straub	'02
Database Manager and Event Planner	Francesca Stubber	'05
Director of Admissions	Wee J. Fernan	'91

Other Alumni present included:

Miriam Arnold	'37
Millie Sweeney	'44
Midge Lenze	'47
Clare Horchen	'47
Celine Singer	'47
Rose Marie Gregory	'50
Elizabeth Gornati	'51
Aggie Schade	'52
Eileen Erich	'55
Mary Erich	'57
Jerry Brennen	'60
Betsy Roberts	'61
Stan Kornacki	'76
Karl Wolfe	'77
Mary Pat Dornish	'89

I. Opening Prayer

President Paula Fritz Eddy opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the reading of the Alumni Prayer. Introductions followed the recitation of the opening prayer.

II. Report From President, Elk County Catholic School System

Father Michael Ferrick, President of the Elk County Catholic School System, spoke briefly on the newly formed school system. Father emphasized the value of Catholic education and is committed to strengthening that Catholic identity as the new school system moves into the future.

III. Review of Minutes / Correspondence

Copies of the minutes from the Spring Business meeting had been mailed to all class representatives prior to the meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was approved. There was no correspondence.

IV. Financial Report

The Alumni Treasurer, Kelly Breindel, presented a detailed list of the receipts and disbursements since the last meeting. Deposits of \$5,230.00 were made into the checking account since the May 2011 meeting. These deposits consisted of alumni dues and proceeds from the Cat's Meow fundraiser. Disbursements totaling \$4,020.98 from the account for the same time period included payment of Golden Grad expenses as well as payment of expenses for the Alumni Day Breakfast and a donation to the Elk County Catholic School System. The ending balance in the account as of October 17, 2011 was \$4,291.16. Next, Kelly called for an approval of donations to Veronica Chicola and to the clergy in appreciation of their services at the annual Golden Grads dinner. Those present unanimously approved the donations. Discussions were also held regarding the caterer for next year's dinner. Those present felt that based on the success the Alumni Association has with the current caterer we should continue to utilize Mary Simons.

V. Advancement Office Report

Mary Meyer, Director of Advancement, provided an informative update on the activities of the Advancement Office. The Advancement Office of the newly formed Elk County Catholic School System is diligently working on developing both an in-house and a regional campaign to promote our school system and Catholic education. In addition to the advancement office staff, a professional marketing firm has been retained to conduct a marketing campaign which will run from mid-January through mid-May. The campaign will emphasize the quality, value and affordability of a top rated regional Catholic educational facility open and welcome to all area students. New computer software has also been purchased for the advancement office, and work is being completed on consolidating and updating alumni records.

Next, Mary provided a summary of upcoming plans to celebrate the 50th year anniversary of Elk County Catholic High School which will occur in 2012. Tentative events for the celebration include the annual bonfire, a golf outing as well as a Saturday afternoon tailgate and football game, dinner /dance, and a Sunday mass celebration and breakfast. The events are being planned over the Labor Day holiday weekend next year. A separate all school mass celebration is also being planned to commemorate the first day classes were held at the Elk County Catholic High School. Details will be provided on both celebration events as plans progress. Anyone interested in serving on a committee to plan the events is asked to contact Mary.

VI. Topics of Discussion

Golden Grads Dinner

The 31st Annual Golden Grads dinner was held on Sunday, October 9, 2011. This year the Class of 1961 was the 50th year class. Paula Fritz Eddy provided a summary sheet of the annual event. Sunday began with mass at 10:30 a.m. in the school chapel, followed by pictures, a social and dinner at 12:30 p.m. Mary Simons from Johnsonburg was the caterer for the event. Dinner choices included turkey and stuffing or roast beef. Veronica Chicola provided cupcakes that were served with ice cream cups. Betsy Roberts from the Class of 1961 provided an entertaining address. Many favorable comments were received and some suggestions were noted for next year. The next Golden Grads dinner has been scheduled for Sunday, October 7, 2012.

Spirit Night

Plans for an upcoming Spirit Night were discussed. Lindsey Straub will provide a sports calendar so a night can be chosen. Anyone interested in being on a planning committee for the upcoming event is encouraged to contact Paula Fritz Eddy. Details will be provided as they become available.

Anniversary Classes

Karl Wolfe provided an update on the Anniversary Class program. The school has received wonderful donations over the past years and will benefit from continuing this program in the future. Mary Meyer compiled from Advancement Office records a list of class gifts since 2008. The list was not complete and Mary suggested a future meeting for those interested in working on the project to update records and continue the program in the new school system. Anyone interested in attending the meeting is asked to contact Mary.

Alumni Day Pinning

The next Alumni Day pinning is scheduled for Friday, May 18, 2012 to welcome the 2012 graduates into the Alumni Association. Feedback from the students regarding this event has been very positive. Details concerning the event will be published as they become available and all alumni are encouraged to attend the event and participate in this special day.

Those present were reminded that an Alumni Mass is celebrated in the high school chapel on the third Friday of every month that school is in session. The time of the mass is publicized in the local newspaper and on the school website. A continental breakfast is served following mass and all alumni are encouraged to attend. Lindsey Straub informed those present that the November alumni mass will be held on Thursday, November 17th rather than Friday, November 18, 2011. A special all school mass is being planned for Thursday and all alumni are encouraged to participate. Lindsey will publicize the details of the event once they are finalized.

Class Representatives

Work is being done on updating the current list of class representatives. The current list includes names of individuals who are no longer interested in acting as representatives and others who live outside of the area who find it difficult to try to fulfill their role. The new list will help ensure greater and more active participation by class representatives.

By Law Review Update

The current by laws of the Alumni Association are being reviewed by the Association's officers in order to update them under the new Elk County Catholic School System. The revised by laws will be presented at the May, 2012 meeting.

VII. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of the ECCHS Alumni Association will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Paula Fritz Eddy closed the meeting at 8:15 p.m. with the recitation of the Hail Mary. Father Michael gave a final blessing before adjournment.