



# Elk County Catholic High School Alumni Association

## ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the Spring Business Meeting

May 22, 2012

The Elk County Catholic High School Alumni Association held its annual Spring Business meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 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

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

Other Alumni present included:

Midge Lenze	'47
Rosemarie Gregory	'50
Betty Gornati	'51
Aggie Schade	'52
E. Carleen Koch	'56
Dorothy Sain	'62
Sara "Sally" Smith	'62
Ann Vollmer	'67
Karl Wolfe	'77
Danielle Fledderman	'91
Jackie LeGrys	'91

### I. Opening Prayer

President Paula Fritz Eddy opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the reading of the Alumni Prayer. Introductions followed the recitation of the opening prayer.

### II. Review of Minutes / Correspondence

Copies of the minutes from the Fall 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.

### III. President of the System Report

Father Michael Ferrick, President of the Elk County Catholic School System, expressed his gratitude for the generosity of both the alumni and the St. Marys community. The support of our school system is wonderful and Father looks forward to working with everyone in the upcoming school year.

### IV. Financial Report

The Alumni Treasurer, Kelly Breindel, was not able to attend the meeting. Dawn Salter and Paula Fritz Eddy presented the financial reports that Kelly had prepared. The Association was presented with a detailed list of the receipts and disbursements since the last meeting. Deposits of \$5,212.25 were made into the checking account since

the October, 2011 meeting. These deposits consisted of Golden Grads Dinner revenue, money from the Spirit Night, a donation from Goblin Chocolates and proceeds from the Cat's Meow fundraiser. Disbursements totaling \$2,090.22 from the account for the same time period included payment of Golden Grad expenses as well as payment of expenses for the Spirit Night and account service charges. The ending balance in the account as of May 22, 2012 was \$7,413.19. Dawn explained that despite Kelly's efforts to have the account service charges abated the Association was still assessed \$12.00 in check writing charges. To avoid future charges and also to comply with Erie Diocesan recommendations on elimination of individual school association checking accounts, the Association discussed closing the checking account and moving the balance into the management of the Advancement Office. After reviewing the options, a vote was taken and it was unanimously approved to consolidate the checking account with the Advancement Office funds. Those present also approved donating \$5,000 of these funds to sponsor the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in September. Donation of the remaining fund balance will be discussed at a future time.

Next, Mary Meyer presented the new budget. After discussing the various line items and reviewing the information, the budget was approved by all those present.

## **V. Advancement Director Report**

Mary Meyer, Director of Advancement, provided an informative update on the activities of the Advancement Office. The Advancement Office has been diligently working on various projects to promote our school system and Catholic education. The staff is in the final production stages of a new spring magazine which will highlight the various activities and events happening in the school system. The advancement office staff is actively promoting the growth of the ECCSS Fund which benefits the entire school system. It is the primary fund for charitable giving to the system.

Next, Mary provided a summary of upcoming plans to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Elk County Catholic High School which will occur throughout the Labor Day holiday weekend in September. Events for the celebration include the annual bonfire, a golf outing as well as a Saturday afternoon tailgate and football game, a social at Gunners Restaurant, a dinner /dance, and a Sunday mass celebration and breakfast. On Monday, September 10, 2012, in commemoration of the day in 1962 when ECCHS first opened its doors, the Bishop will take part in a system-wide mass celebration. The day will also include the rededication of the school, a tree planting and burying of a time capsule. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## **VI. Topics of Discussion**

### **Golden Grads Dinner**

Paula Fritz Eddy solicited any suggestions for the upcoming dinner in October. Discussions were held on requesting bids from other caterers and changing favor gifts. Paula Fritz Eddy and Dawn Salter will check prices from area caterers and consider a magnet in lieu of the chocolate covered pretzel favors. A committee is being formed to prepare for the dinner.

### **Spirit Night**

The Spirit Night this year was held at Gunners Restaurant. Paula Fritz Eddy provided a printout highlighting the event. The evening was well attended and the committee received many positive comments.

### **Alumni Day Pinning**

The Alumni Day pinning was held on Friday, May 18, 2012 to welcome the 2012 graduates into the Alumni Association. Feedback from the students regarding this event has been very positive. This year those selected to pin the students received a beautiful alumni coffee mug featuring new school slogans in appreciation of their attendance.

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.

### **Class Representatives**

Work is continuing 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. Anyone interested in working with the Advancement Office on updating the list is asked to contact Mary Meyer.

**Bylaw Review Update**

Mary Meyer presented a set of revised bylaws to the Association for review and approval. The changes are to make the bylaws current to present operations. Discussions on the changes were held, and the bylaws were approved as revised.

**VII. Election of Officers**

The following officers were approved:

President – Dawn Salter ‘90

Vice President – Jackie LeGrys ‘91

Secretary – Danielle Fledderman ‘91

Treasurer – Kelly Breindel ‘89

Dawn Salter presented Paula Fritz Eddy with a gift of appreciation for all her wonderful years of service to the Association. Paula will be volunteering her time to other work in the school system.

**VIII. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting of the ECCHS Alumni Association will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Paula Fritz Eddy closed the meeting at 8:35 p.m. with the recitation of the Our Father.