

ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Spring Business Meeting
May 28, 2013

The Elk County Catholic High School Alumni Association held its annual Spring Business meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at 7:00 pm in the school library. The following were in attendance:

President:	Dawn Salter	'90
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:	Franchesca Stubber	'05
Other alumni present include:	Millie Sweeney	'44
	Midge Lenze	'47
	Clare Horchen	'47
	Betty Gornati	'51
	Joseph Frey	'51
	E. Carleen Koch	'56
	Sara (Sally) Smith	'62

I. Opening Prayer

President Dawn Salter opened the meeting at 7:04 pm 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 Carleen Koch and seconded by Clare Horchen. The motion was approved. There was no correspondence.

III. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was submitted and then accepted with a first motion by Midge Fritz and a second by Betty Gornati. After a review of the treasurer's report, some discussion was had on some of the potential ECCHS projects such as the microphone system and new chairs in the foyer. It was decided to have finance hold the \$2500 account until we see what's needed by the school in the fall. This motion was passed with a first by Dawn Salter and a second by Carleen Koch.

IV. President of the System Remarks

Fr. Michael was present and wanted to pass along his thanks and appreciation for the alumni association's work during his time with the school system. He encouraged all to keep up the good work.

V. Director of Advancement Remarks

Mary Meyer, Director of Advancement, noted that the advancement office is doing well and continues to refine their responsibilities. Work is still being done with the alumni database and Kathleen Kneidel, a worker provided through the Stackpole Hall Foundation, is working with the database, logging the deceased alphabetically instead of by date of death.

Next, Mary spent time discussing the focus of the next school year using social media as a way to reach out to alumni. Data shows that younger alumni don't look at hard mail and will make donations electronically while the older alumni want paper copies and will write out checks. An email and a hard mailing will be the best way to reach all alumni. Because of that, it is vital to get email addresses as well as a mailing address. Along with this, "virtual volunteers" would be beneficial to help to promote our school online.

Lastly, the Monsignor Hagerty Scholarship Fund stands at \$29,000 with a goal of \$50,000.

VI. Topics of Discussion

Golden Grads

The Golden Grads dinner will be held Sunday, October 13, 2013. It was decided after discussion on the caterer to leave that decision to the planning class.

Alumni "Share Your Career" Day

After a suggestion by teacher, Wee J Fernan, this day was held at the high school the day before Christmas break. With little planning, an enjoyable and worthwhile day was had by students and presenters.

2013 Spirit Night

This event was held on Friday, January 21. Attendance was low due to many other school activities happening that evening. We were under budget with some of the cost being absorbed by a charitable donor.

2013 Alumni Pinning

The alumni pinning was held in conjunction with senior week. Representatives of the alumni association met with the seniors during the school day and talked of the alumni association's role and presented each with a gift of a blanket. The actual pinning ceremony was part of the Baccalaureate Mass which was held in the evening with approximately 400 people in attendance. There was mixed reaction to the changes made in this ceremony.

Bylaw Review

It was agreed that we will wait until a new President of the system is in place to review our bylaws.

Class Gift Program

We are trying to get this program resurrected by inserting the class gift list in reunion packets.

Class Representatives

There are still a few vacancies for class representatives. Helping to keep the database updated and networking are the keys to filling these spots and keeping our group strong.

VI. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Fall 2013 business meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Fr. Michael closed the meeting at approximately 8:15 pm with a prayer.