

## University High School Alumni Association

### Meeting Minutes: August 3, 2020

#### **Present:**

Ryan Scritchlow, Dixie Lewis, David Martin, Peter Pontius, Andrea Markert, Marc Leonard, Stacey Meyer, Cory Roop, Stephen Wilson, Wilma Bates, Bob Fitzgerald, Eric Schlipf, Barb Meyer, Kathy Murdoch, Tara Nafziger

#### **Absent:**

Meghan Pantaleone, Tom Feely, Dr. Dana Kinley, Dana Klauss, Barbara Blunk, Molly Robinson

#### **Call to Order:**

- Minutes of the June 2020 meeting were emailed and approved.

#### **Administration Report:**

- Introduction of Dr. Barb Meyer (acting director of ISU Laboratory Schools); has been over in the college of education; will be stepping in as our acting Director for the upcoming school year.
- Comments from Dr. Meyer – “Thrilled to meet everyone; goals for the year-make sure to work towards having people recognize the great things the lab schools are doing; make sure teachers are appreciated-many are fearful of returning to school. I continue to learn a lot and have a lot of great people I am working with.”
- Return to school plan went out a few weeks ago; students will have option to do an online remote learning or they can do a blended learning style – coming to school 2 days a week and be at home the rest of the week.
- School scheduled to begin on August 17<sup>th</sup>
- This week finishing up the indoor space.
- Will be marking the outdoor space next week.
- Installed technology in all classrooms, so students will be able to come into the classroom via zoom, and students at home will still be able to interact with the class at school.
- Air conditioning installed.
- New ceiling in the main floor hallway; new lights installed.

#### **Foundation Report:**

- The last gifts that have come in; 3 gifts have come in since June for a total of \$1,300; due to books closing out for the year, did not have the full total for the year.
- \$4,859 was the last total that was received.
- The “Redbird Rising” Campaign final stats – \$150 million goal; raised \$180 million; College of Education raised \$17.1 million.

#### **Awards Committee:**

- Looking forward to 2020/2021
- Awards are suspended for the year
- Awards Class of 2020 will move to 2021
- Committee members will be cleaning out the folder since some of the nominations have been aging; needing some updated information and possibly an updated bio for individuals.

#### **Newsletter:**

- Thanks to Dave and Stacey for the last newsletter; great work!
- Stacey, Wilma and Dave made a decision to not send out the newsletter in the typical time; targeting mid-November for the next newsletter, with an August 20 first draft deadline.
- An announcement will be made on the “We Are One” Facebook page that Homecoming is cancelled. Also put an announcement on the UHS website that homecoming is cancelled. Tara will put this direction into the email to the webmaster.

#### **Alumni Relations/Reunion/Homecoming:**

- Decision has been made to cancel 2020 Homecoming celebration
- Kathy Murdoch will be coming in as President-elect; she will take over as president next year.

#### **New Business:**

- Cancellation of 2020 homecoming events
- New president elect – Kathy Murdoch-graduated in 1981; has served on USAA board in the past; served as Homecoming Chair, Awards Chair, Newsletter.
- Comments from Kathy – “Would like to see us get back to by-laws; get folks volunteering again of their treasure, time, and talents of alumni.”
- Re-establish relationships with Boosters-we will be joining forces for Homecoming in the coming years!

#### **Old Business:**

- Fundraising committee – we have a good cushion right now, especially with us not putting out any money this year.

#### **Funds/Treasury Discussion:**

- Treasurer – is there a need for a treasurer? Most on the call had no issues with how Stacey completed reporting. No further discussion was had on this topic. No final decision made.
- There are three general funds:
  - General Lab schools fund
  - Metcalf general fund
  - UHS general fund

- With prior superintendent-the philosophy was that funds in the general foundation could be used at discretion of the director or superintendent. As we are preparing for an audit, the way that we were using the money was not a way we could defend in an audit. Past years, money was being transferred to alumni association from money that was supposed to be used by the student body. Since that was discovered, this has been corrected and is no longer being done.
- More and more people are marking the form and relaying where they want their donated funds to go, and we cannot change that outcome.
- Booster funds are supposed to go directly to students, not to alumni. In a separate instance, boosters has a new auditing as well. Alumni association cannot be using these funds for something that does not directly impact the students. The boosters have been paying for half of the food at Homecoming. This past year, we worked hard to keep this separate. In the past, the alumni got the tickets for free, and everyone else paid for their food. Booster money was being spent for food for alumni.
- Alumni Association board is bringing in motivational speakers during the year and not charging the school anything. If the booster club is paying for some gondolas, some members don't see a problem with this. Kind of a wash.
- When a motivational speaker comes into the school; can the booster club simply donate \$500 to the Alumni Association?
- How does it work when boosters pay for facilities upkeep? Money is donated to an account for those items.
- What funds can or cannot be used and from where specifically, so we can fund Homecoming correctly in the coming years. How do we do this correctly and make it happen. Dr. Meyer will take some time to look into this issue with Stacey. She (Dr. Meyer) will work to figure out what funds can and cannot be used by the Alumni Association. Dr. Meyer will provide a progress report at our next meeting.
- Updated job descriptions – the descriptions have been updated and finalized.
- New member recruitment – do we have the sign-ins from last Homecoming? Check in with the Homecoming committee for these sheets. Likely stored in the office, up on the third floor. Bob will take a look.

**Miscellaneous:**

*Fundraising idea:*

- Online alumni spirit wear fundraiser. We can work with Boosters since they typically run with spirit wear; we can work with an online vendor to broaden the scope of buyers. Those on the call were supportive – having spirit wear directed to Alumni is a great idea! Also having spirit wear created for milestone reunions. Whoever takes this on will probably have to work with Steve Evans due to copyright laws. Kathy is open to further suggestions and she is happy to serve again!

*Alumni involvement idea:*

- Homecoming in a bag – to reach out across the country – items/swag sent out to different areas and a party is held with alumni in the area.

**Next Meeting:**

- No meeting in September.
- Next meeting is Monday; October 19, 2020.