

University High School Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes: August 5, 2019

Present:

Bob Fitzgerald, Amy Jennings, Dana Kinley, Marc Leonard, Dixie Lewis, Andrea Markert, Dave Martin, Stacey Meyer, Pete Pontius, Cory Roop, Ryan Scritchlow

Absent:

Erik Anderson, Barbara Blunk, Tom Feely, Dana Klauss, Meaghan Pantaleone, Eric Schlipf, Stephen Wilson

Call to Order: Minutes of the May 6, 2019, meeting were distributed and approved.

Administration Report:

- 1) Andrea reported the first day of school is Friday, August 16th.
- 2) The incoming freshman class consists of 145 students.
- 3) The Alumni Office will be relocating to Room 300. Dixie would like to be contacted prior to the move.
- 4) Dr. Kinley reported that the final touches are underway for all welcome back activities.

Foundation Report:

- 1) The current Alumni account balance is \$997.
- 2) No Alumni gifts have been received since March 2019.
- 3) The rollover hasn't happened yet. Still working with Foundation to make sure all is clear.
- 4) The dedicated accounts are for UHS gymnasium air conditioning and new science labs.

Awards Committee:

- 1) Stacey has mailed out the Award Letters to the Distinguished and Hall of Fame award winners.
- 2) Tom is drafting award bio summaries for the Distinguished and Hall of Fame award winners and will contact recipients for their review of the bio summaries.
- 3) Tom is in the process of ordering awards from Twin City Awards for the Distinguished and Hall of Fame award recipients.
- 4) Tom sent a follow-up email to Andrea for recommendations for the Alumni Service Award and Friends of UHS Award.

Newsletter:

- 1) The Newsletter is expected to be mailed out mid-September.
- 2) Dixie and Bob will go through boxes of past Newsletters from 2012, 2013 and 2014 to determine if they could be useful for reunions, etc.

Alumni Relations:

- 1) Marc reported the Class of '69 will hold their 50th reunion during Homecoming weekend, starting out with the football game on Friday night followed by dinner on Saturday evening at Ozark House.
- 2) Class of '79 will hold their 40th reunion during Homecoming weekend, to include tailgating of Friday evening before the game, followed by dinner at Gill Street Sports Bar & Restaurant.
- 3) Class of '74 held their 45th reunion June 22nd at Ironwood Golf Course -- 55 attendees including an individual from Berlin, Germany.
- 4) Class of '99, 20th reunion, will host an event on October 12th at Braize.
- 5) Still holding out hope that Class of '89 will pull something together.
- 6) Coordinators for the 50th reunions ('70 and '71) have been identified and are working on plans.

Homecoming:

Extensive discussion was held regarding Homecoming pre-game Fundraising. Current available funds total \$4,000, which won't cover much beyond this year.

Following our May meeting, it was decided to go forward with a silent auction, and each Committee Member was asked to contribute a gift donation to be included in a pre-game silent auction. Marc was able to gather donations from approximately 9 local donors. After much discussion, it was decided that those items will be raffled off, and the winner(s) will be announced during halftime of the game.

There will be no further efforts to organize a silent auction this year. Instead, we'll see how this year goes with meal ticket sales to non-alumni along with any donations we hope to receive that are specifically directed to the Alumni Association. We will suggest a \$5 meal donation as well. Additionally, there was discussion about contacting ISU Athletics regarding the donation of

individual/season tickets to be raffled off.

We'll possibly explore forming a Homecoming Funding Committee in the future.

Marc will do a write-up to promote the Alumni Association as well as market our efforts to raise these necessary funds in his President's Letter in the next Pioneer.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2019, 6pm.