

University High School Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes: October 19, 2020

Present:

Dixie Lewis, Marc Leonard, Ryan Scritchlow, Kathy Coyle Murdoch, Peter Pontius, Andrea Markert, David Martin, Meghan Pantaleone, Wilma Bates, Stephen Wilson, Teri Wilson, Barbara Meyer, Stacey Meyer, Tom Feely, Cory Roop, Tara Nafziger

Absent:

Dana Klauss, Barbara Blunk, Bob Fitzgerald, Eric Schlipf

Call to Order:

- Minutes of the August 2020 meeting were emailed and approved.
- The Board Roster has been updated. If you need a copy please let Tara know.

Administration Report:

- Preparing for 89% of students to return to blended learning, starting a week from today. The team has been busy writing procedures, getting approvals; excited to welcome students back. Students did have a choice to return or stay virtual. Staggered attendance-half students come each day.
- Schedules remaining the same; no classes were eliminated.
- AP Labs are still happening at ISU.
- Finishing up fall sports; heard nothing different from IHSA for winter sports.

Foundation Report:

- Current balance is \$5,959.76.
- No gifts since the last meeting.
- Science and Chemistry renovation labs are still a priority; estimates have started; funds have been raised for this project since 2012.
- How long does it typically take for the Good Neighbor grant to get approved? Wilma was not sure but she offered to work with Stephen directly to get an answer.

Awards Committee:

- Holding pattern for right now.
- Using 2020 recipients for 2021.

Newsletter:

- Newsletter should go out mid-November to mailboxes.
- What is the next deadline for information for the newsletter? The information deadline is typically early February for a spring delivery.
- We deliver 2 newsletters annually. This usually costs roughly \$4,000 for the newsletter. The UHSAA does not pay for this; the expense is covered by the Lab Schools Superintendent Fund.

Alumni Relations:

- No updates.

Homecoming:

- No updates.

New Business:

- Proposal to retire the Pioneer mascot – the UHSAA will not be making this decision; this would be a decision made by ISU. This request is way outside of our scope and we are not planning to respond to this request. We will table this without any further discussion.
- Decision was made to remove Molly Hage Robinson from the roster and board. Tara will make that update to the roster.
- Awards co-chair addition – Teri (Gould) Wilson '92; Tara will update the roster.
- What is the policy for alumni usage of contact information?
 - We do not give out alumni contact information to anyone that is not an ISU staff member; ISU is trying to do a better job of making sure that information does not go out incorrectly. When this does happen, legal has to get involved.
 - The process to request alumni contact information-a request can be made to a lab school employee to do a data mine to get alumni contact information. The request has to be sent from an ISU email; it must come from an ISU employee and the information must be sent back out from an ISU employee.
 - The newsletter contact list comes from donor information services.
 - Responses to a reunion event solicitation should come from an ISU email and responses go back out through ISU email. For reunions, ISU can pull the data based on graduation year and the request or invitation would have to come from an ISU email. Working on appointing a current staff member to do this.
 - Is there a way to tag contact information that is gathered by the UHSAA so we could access/freely use our own information? Once the information is turned over to ISU, it becomes their information and they have to abide by the privacy/legal rules.
 - We (UHSAA) might consider a data base coordinator to house contact information that we gather. We could keep our own database with contact information that we gather from our own events. We can continue to consider this option. However, Stacey Meyer is the person who currently gathers this information for us; Stacey confirmed she is happy to continue to serve in this manner.
- The suggestion was made for a new spirit wear committee – consider an online store that could be open for several months ahead of Homecoming. Still allow Boosters to sell their spirit wear at Homecoming. Use the newsletter to share

information about the online store. Meghan Pantaleone stated she was interested in leading this work. How significant a fundraiser would this be? Are we looking to mark up the merchandise to make money, or simply looking to sell the merchandise closer to the price that was paid, and not make a lot of money? She will bring some cost information back to the next meeting.

- Endowment scholarship question was discussed: \$25,000 needs to be raised for an endowment scholarship; providing about \$1,000 out per year. The founding donors would set up the criteria to receive the scholarship.

Old Business:

- Legitimate use of UHSAA funds – table this topic.
- Welcome Kathy Murdoch; thank you to Marc Leonard!
- Relationship with Boosters – address this by February or March; discuss this with Dr. Meyer. Kathy Murdoch will lead this topic.
- Table the treasurer discussion for our next meeting.
- Table the new member recruitment discussion for our next meeting.
 - Consider locating and using lists from past Homecoming celebrations. Look for volunteer interest noted in those past forms.

Miscellaneous:

- None

Next Meeting:

- Monday, January 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM