

University High School Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes: October 25, 2021

Present:

Dixie Lewis, David Martin, Tara Nafziger, Kathy Murdoch, Andrea Markert, Cory Roop, Barbara Meyer, Meghan Pantaleone, Peter Pontius, Eric Schlipf, Stacey Meyer, Wilma Bates, Ryan Scritchlow

Absent:

Marc Leonard, Tommy Elmore, Nate Brent

Call to Order:

- Minutes of the October 4, 2021 meeting were emailed and approved.

Administration Report:

- Finished first quarter!
- No other updates.

Foundation Report:

- Since 9/1 there have been three gifts totaling \$1,555.00.
- Our current total is \$5,702.25. This is after the bill has been paid for mailing the Homecoming announcements.

Awards Committee:

- No updates.

Newsletter:

- Need two weeks of lead time for mailing; we are ready to go; just waiting on what we will do about the lead story.
- There are some Homecoming pictures and also pictures from the Chiodo reception.
- Note – also at the Booster meeting, it was indicated that the day of giving is Tuesday, November 30; perhaps this could be highlighted in the newsletter?
- If the newsletter is not printed, there is only a \$20 fee for editing and sending via email.
- Dave offered to put a mock newsletter together and email that to the group.
- Dr. Meyer confirmed that the newsletter needs to go through the approval process at ISU.
- The suggestion was made to keep the newsletter brief, explain the situation with our funding, explain what it costs to host the Homecoming social, and explain what we need to raise.
- Should we include a donation deadline within the newsletter? It was suggested to NOT include a donation deadline, but instead to keep our alumni updated on our fundraising via email. This could be a great way to keep the need in front of

alumni. Also mention corporate matching as that is a great way to increase funds. The matching funds can be sent to specific accounts.

- There is always a button on the UHS website that alumni can select to give to the school or to alumni.
- *A motion was made and passed to have the newsletter ready to send to editing/printing by the first week of January. The thought will be the newsletter will be delivered towards the end of January or early February.*
- The cost of the newsletter will be about \$1,716 to mail.
- Discussed an eight page layout to stay within budget.
- Discussed consideration of one newsletter per household, to reduce duplicate mailings.

Alumni Relations:

- No additional updates; see Homecoming notes.

Homecoming:

- 294 alumni attended the event.
- Booster meals were at 85; only 47 actual individuals showed up; should the Boosters be forced to pay for the full 85 meals? Kathy stated she was very clear in stating that if they order the meals they would be required to pay for those meals. We don't want this to turn into an "us" versus "them" but most feel that they should pay for those meals. A suggestion was made that for future events, the Boosters order their own meals and we order our own meals.
- *It was decided to have the Boosters pay for what they had ordered, which is 85 meals.*
- Note – next year there needs to be a clear announcement that if the Booster member is an alumni, they should not sign up through the Boosters.
- There ended up only being about 15 sandwiches left; they were left for students to grab as they left the stadium.
- Total bill is \$1,780 for the meals; that bill has not been paid as of yet.
- Tara has the sign in sheets and over 100 entries were made on the online form.
- For next year, some improvement with the form and maybe a few more iPads will improve that process. Also, it seemed to work better to have the person working the sign-in table to actually complete the form, instead of the alumni completing it themselves.
- Better turn-out from classes in the 1960's and 1970's than classes from the 1980's and more recently.
- Class of 1970 and 1971 were very appreciative and stuck around – they were having fun!
- Kudos to those that set up the tables.
- The event was a success overall! Great job to everyone!

New Business:

- Brief discussion – set up a "teacher's grant" in Barb Blunk's name, something that the board could fund if we receive a financial windfall.

Old Business:

- Board positions – review forms to see if anyone has volunteered to serve on the board.
- We need to fill the following positions:
 - President-Elect
 - Historian
 - Awards Chair
 - Database Coordinator
 - Treasurer

Miscellaneous:

- The reception for Coach Chiodo was a success. Many alumni were there, going back into the 1960's! It was a great event!
- There is an endowment through Coach Chiodo that could be used to help the alumni board. Wilma B. confirmed that funds cannot be moved from one account to another. It was also confirmed that the funds are being used by students that cannot afford the equipment used for sports.

Action Items:

- Tara provide Ryan S. the contact sheets from Homecoming.
- Compile a list of those alumni who indicated their desire to serve on the board, any committees, or any future Homecoming socials.
- Getting the newsletter out! Dave has it in hand!

Next Meeting:

- Monday, January 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM