

MINUTES

Penn Manor Alumni Association
March 3, 2009

The Penn Manor Alumni Association met on the above-cited date in the Alumni Room in the Library at Penn Manor High School. The meeting was called to order by Frank Geist at 6:35 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Linda Millard, Cindy LaMaster, Nancy Smith, Carol Diller, Jim Stauffer, Cindy Rhoades, Frank Geist, and Dolores Warfel.

The Minutes of the November 11, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion by Nancy Smith, a second by Linda Millard, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance. Frank Geist reminded those in attendance that the minutes of alumni association meetings are now being placed on the alumni association web site and can be reviewed prior to board meetings.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Frank Geist. It was approved on a motion by Carol Diller, a second by Cindy Rhoades, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance.

The following old business was discussed.

- **Alumni Association Logo** - The new logo was reviewed. It was designed by local artist, Steve Wilson, at no charge to the association. Those in attendance unanimously agreed that they were pleased with the design.
- **New Stationery and Envelopes** - Stationery and envelopes showing the new logo were shared by Frank Geist. He stated that they were used to mail invitations to the upcoming Alumni Banquet.
- **New Mission Statement** - The proposed new alumni association mission statement was presented. It was amended with the following statement being recommended for adoption:

The mission of the Penn Manor Alumni Association is to support, inform, and maintain communications with our alumni, encouraging them to play an active role in PMAA, support our alma mater, and remain part of the Penn Manor family.

The mission statement was approved as amended on a motion by Cindy Rhoades, a second by Nancy Smith, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance.

- **Volunteer Support Update** - Nancy Smith reported that the PMAA volunteers recently worked at the middle school and high school getting out progress reports. Cindy Rhoades questioned whether or not, in the future, the volunteers might be interested in assisting with other projects such as helping to sew costumes for the high school plays. Frank Geist stated that if volunteers showed an interest in participating in other projects, it would certainly be a direction the association would be willing to go.
- **Above and Beyond and Foundation Focus** - Frank Geist thanked Cindy Rhoades for sending copies of these two publications to all out-of-town PMAA members. He stated that potential members as well as existing members sometimes question what they get for their membership dues. Receiving copies of these publications are two examples of something they receive. These publications are great vehicles for communication. They keep the

alumni not living locally up-to-date with what is happening in the district. Cindy Rhoades asked if we should include the cost of dues in the publications. Frank Geist stated that the discussion of dues is scheduled for a future meeting.

- **Buy-A-Brick Salute to Cindy LaMaster** - The brick purchased by the association in recognition of Cindy LaMaster's dedication to the association will be installed in the spring.
- **Senior Awards** - Cindy LaMaster informed those in attendance that the Senior Awards program will be held on May 21. She stated that PMAA has once again received money (\$125) from an anonymous member of the class of 1971 for an art award to be presented to an individual to be chosen by the art department. The association will also present a \$500 Luella Mellinger award, a \$500 Biemesderfer Award to the class Valedictorian and a \$500 Mary Klemmer Award to the class Salutatorian. Each of these awards is endowed through the Education Foundation.
- **Alumni Banquet/Induction - April 18, 2009** - Dolores Warfel and Frank Geist provided an update on the banquet to be held in the high school cafeteria. Topics covered included the groups being sent invitations, a proposed agenda for the banquet, inductees/presenters, menu, centerpieces, flags, centerpieces, and table coverings. Plans are moving along nicely and PMAA is hoping for an outstanding turnout.

The following new business was discussed.

- **By-laws Changes** - The by-laws have been cleaned up and brought up-to-date. The newly approved mission statement will be added to them. This year, the election of officers will not take place at the banquet as in the past. Instead, the election will take place at the May meeting. This change in election date will have to be made and after approval be included in the by-laws. Banquet attendees will be informed of this change and invited to attend the May meeting.

The following hoped for future projects were reviewed.

- **Reaching Out to Impoverished Alumni** - Discussion ensued regarding this topic. Those in attendance agreed that this is something they as an association would like to do for their fellow alumni.
- **Newsletter** - All in attendance support publication of a PMAA newsletter. Cindy Rhoades will be taking pictures at the alumni banquet that can be included in the proposed newsletter. She suggested sending out the first edition right before the 2009-2010 school year starts.
- **Huge Homecoming Celebration** - This item was placed on the agenda as the next major item to be tackled after completion of the banquet. It is a project that everyone in attendance is looking forward to and gives their support to.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Linda Millard, a second by Nancy Smith, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance.

Next Meeting
April 7, 2009
6:30 p.m.