

MINUTES

Penn Manor Alumni Association
September 9, 2008

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 6:37 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Cindy LaMaster, Dave Neff, Jan Mindish, Nancy Smith, Frank Geist, Dolores Warfel, Cindy Rhoades, Polly Kauffman, Judy Duke, Shelley Hodson, Joyce Ludwig, and Carol Diller.

The Minutes from the May 5, 2008 Meeting were reviewed. They were approved as amended on a motion by Nancy Smith, a second by Cindy LaMaster and a unanimous voice vote.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. It was approved on a motion by Shelley Hodson, a second by Polly Kauffman and a unanimous voice vote. Frank Geist initiated discussion at this time regarding increasing the money invested in the PMAA CD (current value of \$64,781.53) to \$75,000. The increase was approved on a motion by Carol Diller, a second by Dave Neff, and a unanimous voice vote.

The following "Good News Items" were discussed.

- Old-Timers Athletic Wall of Honor
 - * Friday, October 10, 4:00 p.m.
 - * Social and Refreshments
 - * No Charge - Open to Everyone
 - * 15 Inductees - being introduced at 6:45 p.m. before Homecoming Football Game
 - * Dave Neff is mastermind behind this movement.
- Nancy Smith, Coordinator of Volunteers, informed those in attendance that there are 20 names on the volunteer list. These individuals do a wonderful job. She said volunteers will be needed on October 2 to help with high school progress reports. They will also be needed on November 6 and December 10.
- A letter from the Alumni Association was sent to members of the Class of 1954 by Shelley Hodson. The Harris files were used to make labels. As a result of this letter 12-15 new Alumni Association memberships were received. A similar letter will be sent to other classes in the future.
- Ann Werner Van Dyke, a member of the Class of 1964, has contributed money in her mother's memory to the Memorial Courtyard. She indicated she may send additional money monthly.
- Jan Mindish gave the Alumni Association a framed salute to Penn Manor Viet Nam veterans who lost their lives in Viet Nam. The salute was presented to the high school by Ron Atwell, Class of 1966. He had rubbings done from the Viet Nam Memorial Wall of the names of the seven alumni who lost their lives. The rubbings were then framed. Letters will be sent to the families of these seven individuals informing them of the plaque which will be displayed at the high school.
- Frank reviewed scholarships funded by alumni (Caldwell, Martin, Haverstick, Woodward, Otto, and Sangrey). Even though the scholarships are done through the Education Foundation they are being funded by our alumni.
- It was approved on a motion by Nancy Smith, a second by Cindy Rhoades and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance to purchase a \$100 brick in the Memorial Courtyard at the high school as a salute to Cindy LaMaster in recognition of her outstanding dedication to the Alumni Association.

The following "Still Needs Work" items were discussed.

- Our Mission Statement - Would like to review it.
- Our Communication to Our Alumni - Frank shared a newsletter sent by the Altoona Alumni Association to

their alumni. Those in attendance agreed that a publication like this would be worthwhile from PMAA. It would be a means of keeping local alumni as well as those alumni who have moved out of the district informed. Could be sent out periodically throughout the year - possibly four times.

- Membership Levels - Letter sent to Class of 1954 was successful in acquiring new members. Continuation of this practice will hopefully result in additional members. We have increased our membership by 26 since July. The association needs to develop additional ways of increasing our membership.

Frank suggested forming a committee/committees to discuss the above items. He asked that we each reach out to more alumni and encourage them to join in our efforts to meet these goals.

The following "Hoped for Projects" were discussed.

- Letter to Class of 1953 Planned - Hopefully the letter will go out prior to the October 10 Old Timers Athletic Wall of Honor celebration as four members of their class are going to be inducted.
- Letter to Class of 1958 Being Sent - Class of 1958 recently held their 50th reunion. The proposed letter would inform them that two of their classmates are being inducted into the Old Timers Athletic Wall of Honor and inform them of the of the social and refreshments. It would also ask them to let their Class Representative, Nancy Smith, know if they wish to attend the Homecoming Football Game. A special section could be designed for the class.
- Frank discussed the possibility of having PMAA veterans adopt recent Penn Manor alums in the armed services. He stated that Quay Hanna has a list of those individuals. He also discussed the formation of a Military Hall of Fame which would list the names of past and present alumni serving in the military services. Dr. Mindish would provide the names of alumni in the service and PMAA would locate the veterans.
- Communication to Penn Manor Employees/Alumni - The alumni association would like to encourage these individuals to become members of the association.
- Reaching Out to Impoverished Alumni - Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of the alumni association reaching out to, and if possible, assisting these alumni.
- A Newsletter - Those in attendance supported the idea of a PMAA newsletter to be sent to alumni several times a year. Cindy Rhoades will be a valuable asset in the production of such a newsletter with assistance of PMAA members. It would be a way of keeping alumni updated and to help alumni feel good about their alma mater and the wonderful things happening there.
- Annual Banquet at the High School - After discussion it was decided to move the annual banquet back to the high school. The time of the banquet may need to be changed so as not to conflict with school functions normally held at the end of the school year. Cindy Rhoades will check with Sherilyn Wolf, Head Cook at the high school, regarding available dates.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Cindy Rhoades, a second by Polly Kauffman, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, November 11, 2008
6:30 p.m.