

IHS Alumni Association  
Minutes  
Monday: March 14, 2022

**Prequel to March 14th, 2022 Meeting:**

March 14th, 2022: 12:00 PM

IHS Alumni Association hosted the annual “Educator of Excellence” Award Induction Ceremony.

The award was presented to Danielle Renton and Joan Mencl.

Lunch was provided and enjoyed by several members of the Alumni Association along with teachers and administrators for the Independence Schools. Also present were School Board Members Carrie Sears and Andrea Marek, Mayor Greg Kurtz, Vice Mayor David Grendel and Vern Blaze.

Dale Veverka opened the ceremony with a short welcome.

Tributes to both Danielle and Joan were given and awards presented. Superintendent Ben Hegedish closed the program with his heartfelt thanks and appreciation to these two educators who define “Educator of Excellence”.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Dale Veverka (70-President) called the in-person meeting to order with The Pledge of Allegiance @ approx. 1:00pm. Meeting was held in the IHS Media Room.

**Attendance:** There were several Alumni in attendance for the luncheon and awards ceremony. Some had to leave for other engagements. Present for the meeting were Russ Fortlage (59), Chris Zamborsky(79), Joanie Mencl(70), Lacey Mencl(12), Bob

Wagner(66)Bonnie Pandin(69), Amber Veverka(07) Vickie (Wiecek) Rich(70) Peggy Korecko(88) Don Krolikowski(77)

**Minutes of November 8th Meeting:** Copies of the minutes for the November 8th,2021 meeting were passed out and reviewed and read. Copies were made available for anyone that wanted one.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Wager passed out copies of the report to all present. 1.) **Expenses** since last report were **\$908.88** (Itemized breakdown is available) 2.) **Income: \$1,402.50** income is from the following: Membership \$460.00. 16 renewals 6 1 year a 10 5 year . Donations \$880.00 -  
\$500.00 Class of 1970  
\$300.00 Eric Chlebisch (61)  
\$60.00 Joan Puzder Ganim  
\$20.00 2x\$10.00  
Profit from sale of City Raffle Ticket: \$62.50

**Net Difference: \$62.50**

**CURRENT BALANCE: \$9,304.17**

**Annual Donation Goal:**

\$3,500.00 between 1 June 2021 and 31 May 2022

\$500.00 Ted Soberay

\$200.00 Russ Fortlage

\$500.00 Class of 1970

\$60.00 Joan Puzder Ganim

\$300.00 Eric Chlebisch

\$40.00 4X \$10.00

\$40.00 Donation

**TOTAL : \$1,640.00**

**New Business & Upcoming Event:**

Homedays were discussed. We will be asking for volunteers to help set up and man the Alumni Tent.

The Kiwanis Pavilion has been reserved for Sunday Alumni Breakfast... More details to come. Volunteers will also be needed to assist.

Dale Veverka asked for volunteers to read the essays that the seniors (Class of 2022) submit for the Alumni Scholarship.

Bob Wagner asked for suggestions for the Alumni \$500.00 gift to the HighSchool this year. A backdrop and a podium for speaking were discussed.

Diploma of Distinction is awarded every year. Pete Kirsanow(72) was nominated by Marsha Nall and seconded by Joanie Mencil and all alumni present unanimously voted that Pete should be the recipient of the 2022 Diploma of Distinction.

No further business was discussed and a motion to adjourn was made by Bonnie Pandin and seconded by Amer Veverka. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Vickie (Wiecek) Rich (70)

Recording Secretary