

April 19, 2022

Beech Grove High School Alumni Association Minutes

Decade Chairpersons/Class Representatives Reception & General Meeting

April 19, 2022 – 6:15 PM Reception with Meeting to Follow

Attendees: Donna Roller, Ruth Jones, Tom Moriarty, George Hensley, Richard Compton, Juoy Pieper, Patty Vansickle, Beth Uppfalt, Janice Woempner, Kay Little Denning, Arilla Duffer Gullans, Amy Jennings, Kathy Hensley, Marleah Hollander, LaVonne Coffey, Marlene Bultman, Donna Joyce, David Wright, Judy Hensley, Pam Cathcart, Marcia Wright Payne, Emily Cathcart, Dave Weigert, Sharon Oelgoetz.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 by Dave Weiger.

Opening: Dave welcomed everyone and thanked the Decade Chairpersons and Class Representatives for their dedicated work in keeping us up to date with our membership.

Dave also stated that the meeting would not be recorded tonight, due to an illness and that the minutes from the meeting would be posted as soon as possible.

Secretaries Report: Amy Jennings read the minutes and they were approved as read. George made a motion to approve the minutes and Kay seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Operating Fund:** The balance from the last meeting was \$9,942.74. \$4505.00 was deposited in the account and \$5,081.17 was deducted from the account as expenses. The balance in the operating account as of today is \$9,366.57.
- **Scholarship Fund:** The balance from the last meeting was \$40,757.00. Donations of \$4,160.00 were made to the account bringing the ending balance as of today to \$44,917.00.

Richard made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read and Ruth seconded the motion.

Old Business:

- **Banners:** The two BGHSAA banners are made and should be hung in the gym this week or next.
- **Mailing Party:** Thanks to everyone that helped in the effort to get the newsletters mailed off in a timely manner, despite some obstacles thrown

our way. A special thanks to Kathy Hensley, Sharon Oelgoetz and Donna Roller for working several days to finish the balance of the newsletters.

- **Newsletter Mailing Report:** Dave read Cookie's report, which stated that the printing equipment at the high school that we normally use is old and parts broke numerous times. We got a recommendation for a printing company in New Whiteland. They were quick and fast for about \$1600. Last time we looked outside of BGHS, we were quoted about \$6000. We will use the company in New Whiteland again since the school equipment is old. We may use the ROTC to help next year with the mailing. We printed 6200 newsletters. Cookie wanted to recommend that we give Kelly from Southside Voice \$250 for her work on the newsletter. Kay made a motion to approve and Ruth seconded the motion.
- **Returned Newsletters:** Tom reported that we mailed out 5,986 newsletters. 370 of those were returned (6.3%). We have email addresses for several of those that were returned. Tom does have a spreadsheet of those that were returned if anyone wants to see it. Tom has plenty of newsletters that were returned if anyone wants an extra one or two. Dave explained that the reason we print more than we mail is because we pass out newsletters to school administration and teachers, as they are considered a part of the BGHSAA.
- **Shirts:** Dave stated that the committee working on shirts has a sample of the shirt and available colors. We are dealing with Team Image in Greenfield for the shirts. They will set up a store on-line and allow people to order. Each of the shirts are \$40 and includes monogramming. They are all dry fit. There will also be other things you can buy. We will have more to report at the next meeting. There are still a few things to be determined and we will revisit the shirts at the next meeting. The \$40 covers the expense of the shirt and monogramming. The Alumni Association will not make any money with the \$40 price. Richard shared on behalf of John Sharkey a collared shirt that is available for \$20-22. He also passed on a quote for 250 caps and gowns for \$22.23 each. These will be reviewed and revisited at the next meeting.

New Business:

- **State Championship Team:** Dave commented that they are in the process of raising money for the State Championship rings for the team, cheerleaders, Coaches, and staff. They are trying to raise between \$10K and \$12K. As of last week, they have already raised about \$5,700. There will be a fundraiser April 28th from 6-9 at O'Gara's. There will also be a parade on April 29th at 5:30 pm starting at 8th and Main Street.

- If you want to donate, you can make a check payable to the Beech Grove Education Foundation.
 - Richard asked Dave to send an email blast out about the all-star game played at BGHS Thursday, April 21st @7:00.
 - It was discussed that the Alumni Assoc. make a donation for the rings. A conversation ensued regarding if this was something the association should do or rather the individuals within the associate make personal donations. Richard made a motion for the BGHSAA to make a donation for the State Championship rings. Kay seconded the motion. There were 15 yays, 6 nays. The motion was approved. Donna made a motion on the amount of \$250. Kay seconded the motion. Motion was approved with 1 nay.
- **Appointment of New Position:** “Assistant Membership Secretary” is required By-Law changes (acts as a backup to the membership secretary). Duties will include keeping a list of decade chairs and class reps and filling positions when they become vacant. Dave nominated Donna Roller. This position will serve for 3 years and cannot expire the same year as the membership secretary. The by-laws are on the website and changes are highlighted in yellow.
- **Golf Outing:** Bob Thomas reported to Dave that everything is going well. There will be more golf carts available this year. The outing will be June 10th. Bob did not think paying for advertising was necessary because he has all of the email addresses of those that attended last year and would contact people that way.
- **Annual Dinner:** John Sharkey updated Dave, as he is out of town. So far we have 19 reservations and everything is set with primo. Date is reserved and working on the menu. John also requested a BGHSAA banner to be hung at the dinner.
 - **Silent Auction:** Judy has mailed requests to different venues about donating. She has hear back from Jackomos and the Indianapolis Indians. She is hoping to get several more returned. Classes can donate theme baskets. Gift card baskets bring in a lot of money. Last year 55” big screen tv was donated, which brought in a lot of money. Richard has requested two basketballs signed by the state team to raffle off and put in silent auction.
 - Richard presented a quote on John’s behalf for lanyards for name tags to be used at the dinner. The qty was 250 name tags for \$473.99. There was no motion made, so this item will be set aside until the next meeting.

Open Agenda / Discussion:

- Dave commented that two alums are going to buy golf clubs, bags and pull carts for the middle school golf team. The Alumni Association can think about whether they want to make a donation.
- Gold cards are still available.
- Sharon commented that we need a decade chair for the 80's and we need to fill LaVonne's spot as Asst Recording Secretary.
- Richard recommended asking Melody Stevens to come and talk to the group about all of the clubs, groups, and teams that need money and donations. We need to spread out the money and donate to different types of clubs and organizations other than always sports teams. Dave will talk to Melody Stevens about attending the next meeting. Judy Pieper suggested getting groups and organizations to work at Lucas Oil to raise money for their group.
- Kay reported that the Scholarship Committee has awarded 7 scholarships, but that the students have not yet been notified. The scholarship applications were open to those students on a college track as well as vocational training.
- Richard asked that we consider in May to extend an invitation to the State Championship team to attend the dinner. Emily commented that this would be a good way to get younger people involved. She recommended going to the fund raiser at O'Gara's to help drum up interest in the Alumni Assoc. J

Meeting Dates

May 17th – Election of Officers & By Law Changes Vote

June 21st – Join New & Old Board Meeting

July 19th – Annual Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32. George made a motion and Ruth seconded the motion.