

PMAA Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2015

The Penn Manor Alumni Association met Tuesday, November 10, 2015 in the alumni room at the high school library. The following members were in attendance: Melissa Ostrowski, Dolores Warfel, Jan Mindish, Fred Wilds, Jodi Stauffer, Frank Geist.

President Ostrowski opened the meeting with very positive comments about PMAA's successful 2015 Homecoming activities. More detail to follow under old business.

The previous meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Frank Geist with a second from Fred Wilds with Jan Mindish's helpful participation in the last *Chatter* mailing duly noted. This motion received unanimous approval by all in attendance.

Judy Duke was tied up with an auditors' conference but provided a detailed treasurer's report which showed a strong financial position with assets exceeding a \$95,000 total. Dolores Warfel moved and Jan Mindish seconded a motion to approve November's treasurer's report. This motion received unanimous approval by all in attendance.

Old Business

A final look at the PMAA full-page ad in this year's football program produced compliments and thanks to Cindy Rhoades for creating this for PMAA.

It was reported that Cindy Rhoades continues her evaluation of the software program "Scribus" as the possible new newsletter software. After her final tests on photo management and printer compatibility, she will then load this program onto our PMAA laptop if all checks out okay.

There was a consensus that our Homecoming activities were quite successful. Dolores reported we had approximately ten new paying members plus dozens of new prospects through the raffle ticket info. Thank you Dolores for sifting through all this info and getting accurate addresses before updating the master file. The Homecoming handouts were very popular and the cooperative efforts with the PM Ed Foundation were very encouraging. It is felt that we need to expand on our ongoing cooperative efforts with PMEF. Melissa extended a formal thank you to Bob Herr for the use of his tent once again.

The move of our alumni archives from the alumni room remains in the planning stage. The framed class pictures do not have to be relocated until the end of this school year. Jan and Cindy LaMaster will keep conversations with Phil Gale going so we can have a dedicated storage area now and a commitment to again meet our needs post high school refurbishment.

New Business

PMAA's holiday care program was planned once again for this year. It was decided we will make a commitment of two \$50 John Herr's gift cards and give the high school's social workers discretion to either identify two needy alumni families in the community or utilize this \$100 total to buy holiday turkeys to help cover a shortfall in this area for 2015.

The upcoming PM Athletic Wall of Honor (2016) was discussed. We will do whatever Jeff Roth asks us to do in this regard including providing two PMAA reps for his selection committee. It was decided that Jan will talk with Jeff regarding the possibility of moving the induction ceremony early in the school year so both "Walls" do not appear to happen in the same calendar year.

The February, 2016 *Chatter* was discussed. It is hoped we can feature "Alumni in the News" who are currently excelling in college sports and use this as a lead-in to our request for Athletic Wall nominations for 2016. A newsletter committee meeting will be held in the coming weeks to solidify plans.

Melissa introduced Jodi Stauffer (PM Class of 1991). Jodi is a PM Mom and is currently active with the band boosters. She will be a great addition to our team.

We again committed to publicizing PMAA's participation in this year's Extraordinary Give through our web site and FB presence.

It was agreed that we need to expand our social media reach and one approach is to have additional people authorized to post events on our PMAA Facebook page. This will be coordinated through Gillian Graham.

Frank reported that we have received very positive feedback from Denny Herr's family. There have been donations to PMAA (and PMAEF) in honor of Denny. In fact, the family is currently in the process of setting up a \$500 memorial scholarship to be awarded each year to a PM student planning to enter a trade or tech school. The scholarship will be administered by PMAEF.

With no other new business items apparent, President Ostrowski adjourned the meeting. Next meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 5th @ 6:30 p.m. in the high school library.**