

MINUTES

Penn Manor Alumni Association
October 6, 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 6:31 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Linda Millard, Michael McDonald, Judy Duke, Michael Wilds, Frank Geist, Nancy Smith, Arlene Brenner, Kathy Sangrey, Polly Kauffman, Jim Stauffer, Shelley Hodson, Jim Huber, Cindy LaMaster, Jim Lawrence, Courtney Barry, Dennis Herr, Jan Mindish, Fred Wilds II, and Dolores Warfel.

The Minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Linda Millard, a second by Kathy Sangrey, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance.

Judy Duke presented the Treasurer's Report. It was approved on a motion by Nancy Smith a second by Shelley Hodson, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance. Frank Geist reviewed the discussion that took place at the September meeting regarding reinvestment of the PMAA \$75,000 CD. The CD has expired and the \$75,000 previously invested in a CD was put in a temporary money market account for a three month period at a 1% interest rate. He said feedback he has received since the previous meeting regarding placement of the money in corporate bonds which have a higher interest rate but more risk versus placing it in another CD with less risk were in favor of being safe and putting it in another CD. It was decided that interest rates would be checked and that Judy Duke had approval, on a motion by Nancy Smith, a second by Mike McDonald, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance, to put the \$75,000 in a CD with a 2% or above interest rate for a one-year period.

The following old business was discussed:

- **Sign-up Sheet for 2009-2010 PMAA committees:** A list of standing committee assignments from last year was circulated. Frank Geist asked that those in attendance make additions or corrections to the list regarding their participation.
- **Full-page PMAA ad in football program:** Frank Geist shared a copy of the PMAA ad placed in the football program. Due to the association's non-profit status we were able to place the ad at a cost of \$100 rather than \$200.
- **Welcome letter and pencil to all PM kindergarten students:** Dolores Warfel reported that she and Cindy LaMaster delivered the pencils in mid-September. Feedback has been very positive.
- **PMAA volunteer support update:** Nancy Smith reported that volunteers would be assisting with progress reports four times this year. They will not have to assist with report cards because materials previously stuffed with report cards will be sent out via e-mail.
- **Homecoming Committee update:** Mike Wilds provided an update with regard to PMAA participation in Homecoming on October 9. He thanked committee members for their hard work and willingness to meet over the summer. Mike McDonald showed the t-shirts and

blankets that will be given out the evening of homecoming. A blanket will also be given to each of the 16 returning past Homecoming Queen. The queens will also be given a corsage. Bob Herr of Herr's Fruit Farm is donating a tent for the event. The tent will be put up at 9:00 Friday morning. Mike Wilds is going to check with Jeff Roth regarding having a roped off section in the stands for alumni to sit. Mike asked that, after the event, committee members write down both positive and negative things relating to the event. He will then prepare a list of this information that can be shared with next year's committee. He asked that committee members bring clipboards and pencils to be used by individuals completing the Trivia Quiz. Jan Mindish will be taking interested individuals on a tour of the high school.

- **Football Alumni Reunion:** The reunion was held on September 18 in the high school cafeteria. Over 125 people attended. The football players were then introduced at the football game held later that evening.

The following new business was discussed.

- **Next edition of Comet Chatter:** Frank Geist reported that the first edition was very well received. He stated that the following items, in addition to items not yet determined, will be covered in the next edition: the 50th reunion of the Class of 1959, the football reunion, upcoming banquets, and an article covering Homecoming. Frank said Cindy Rhoades would be taking pictures during homecoming. He said if alumnus taking digital camera pictures of homecoming were willing to share them, the association would be happy to use the pictures in the upcoming Comet Chatter. Fred Wilds suggested that the questions and answers to the Homecoming Trivia Quiz be in the next Comet Chatter. Frank Geist said this information would be placed on the PMAA web site. Fred Wilds suggested it also be in the Comet Chatter for those individuals who do not have access to a computer. Frank Geist said the quiz and answers could be included in the next edition.
- **Should we have "annual" Alumni banquet this year?** Frank Geist said the feedback he received indicated that PMAA should have an annual banquet this year. After discussion it was decided that April 17 would be the date the banquet would be held. It was decided that the theme would be recognition of cheerleaders.
- **Need feedback to our new Lifetime Members:** Frank Geist said he is encouraged by the number (11) of people who recently signed up for Lifetime Memberships. He shared a list of those individuals and suggested that those in attendance thank these people for signing up when they see them.

Wish List items.

- **Update website plus create a presence on FaceBook:** Frank Geist reviewed his desire to reach out to the younger generation via a presence on FaceBook and the need to keep our website current.
- **Harris Directory:** Frank Geist said the Harris Directory has been useful in spreading information to alumnus and expressed a need to keep working on updating this information and learn more about E-mail Marketing.
- **Spring Homecoming:** Mike Wilds suggested adding a spring homecoming event that would recognize athletic teams other than football. He said it could possibly be a weekend event. Mike indicated that he would be willing to pursue the organization of this event. Frank Geist suggested calling it an Alumni Weekend rather than Spring Homecoming. Dennis Herr

stated that there is a Spring Kick-Off currently in place that the association could possible become involved in.

- **Generational Recognition of Alumni:** Courtney Harms Barry, Class of 1989 suggested possible future recognition of generations of alumni (i.e.: mother/father, children grand parents) who have attended Penn Manor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m. on a motion by Shelley Hodson, a second by Dennis Herr, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance.