

## MINUTES

Penn Manor Alumni Association  
April 6, 2010

The Penn Manor Alumni Association met on the above-cited date in the Alumni Room in the Library at Penn Manor High School. This meeting also served as PMAA's Annual Meeting which resulted in the nomination and election of officers for 2010-2012. The meeting was called to order by Frank Geist at 6:35 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Kathy Sangrey, Jim Huber, Arlene Brenner, Cindy LaMaster, Nancy Smith, Jim Lawrence, Alta Herr, Dennis Herr, Michael McDonald, Judy Duke, Joyce Ludwig, Fred Wilds, Jan Mindish, Frank Geist and Dolores Warfel.

The Minutes of the February 2, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Fred Wilds, a second by Nancy Smith, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance.

Judy Duke reviewed the Treasurer's Report. It was approved on a motion by Joyce Ludwig a second by Denny Herr, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance.

The following old business was discussed:

- **Review of Lifetime membership Cards:** The new blank card stock is in. New membership cards will be sent to existing lifetime members with the mailing of the next *Comet Chatter* which is planned for this summer. New cards will be issued to all new lifetime members.
- **PMAA Volunteer Support Update:** Nancy Smith reported that volunteers are usually needed to assist with projects four times a year. Six volunteers helped with the last mailing of the *Comet Chatter* and the job was completed in record time.
- **February Edition of Comet Chatter:** Frank Geist thanked Cindy Rhoades for the preparation and editing of the newsletter which was mailed February 18. The issue included full color photos and the finished product was one that PMAA can be proud of. Frank said the hope is that two issues per year can be published. The summer issue would include a reminder that it is time for dues to be paid and an update on plans for PMAA's participation in homecoming. Homecoming in 2010 is scheduled for October 1. The following issue could then report on homecoming and talk about the coming years Alumni Banquet. Cost to produce the latest copy of the newsletter was approximately \$600 which was considerably less than the anticipated cost of \$1,000. To date the association has received more than \$1,200 in contributions as a result of this mailing.
- **Harris Directory Update:** PMAA is receiving more requests for information found in the directory from reunion committees. After their reunion, they return their updated spreadsheet to PMAA so the information can be corrected on Harris. Linda Millard is updating the information in the directory.

The following new business was discussed.

- **Nomination and Election of 2010-2012 Officers:** Frank Geist distributed a list of potential officers as presented by a quasi Nominating Committee. The list was as follows: Michael McDonald, President; Fred Wilds, Vice President; Nancy Kreider Smith, Recording Secretary; Dolores Hippey Warfel, Corresponding Secretary. The position of Treasurer,

currently filled by Judy Herr Duke, is a five year position and does not need to be filled at this time. He informed those in attendance that it is anticipated that the person filling the vice president position for two years will then become President. Jim Lawrence made a motion that the nominations be accepted as presented. Denny Herr seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance. Frank Geist asked if there were any additional nominations for each position. Hearing none, nominations were closed on a motion by Denny Herr and a second by Kathy Sangrey. A unanimous voice vote of those in attendance approved the election of the entire slate of officers as presented to two year terms for 2010-2012.

- **PMAA Senior Awards:** The Awards Ceremony will be held on May 20. There are two awards given by PMAA that evening: The Luella Mellinger Award (\$500) and an Excellence in Art Award given by an anonymous member of the Class of 1971. PMAA also gives the following two awards the night of graduation: An award to the graduating class valedictorian (\$500) and the graduating class salutatorian (\$500). A selection committee for selecting the individual to receive the Luella Mellinger Awards was established. It will consist of Cindy LaMaster, Frank Geist and Nancy Smith, and Michael McDonald. The high school art department will select the person who will receive the Excellence in Art Award.
- **Homecoming 2011 Committee Volunteers:** Frank Geist asked for volunteers who would like to serve on the Homecoming 2011 Committee. The committee will begin meeting after July 1. The following individuals volunteered to serve on the committee: Michael McDonald, Jan Mindish, Jim Huber, Nancy Smith, Dolores Warfel, Fred Wilds, Denny Herr, and Kathy Sangrey. Mike Wilds, past committee chair, was not in attendance but will be contacted regarding his desire to serve on committee again.
- **Executive Committee:** An Executive Committee will be established. The committee will set meeting dates, establish committees, etc. Anyone not serving on the committee is welcome to attend the meetings.
- **Annual Alumni Banquet – Saturday, April 17:** The theme this year is the recognition of cheerleaders over the years. The invitations were mailed in coordination with the mailing of the Comet Chatter. Anticipating 165 attendees. All arrangements are in place. The Banquet Committee will meet immediately following this meeting.
- **Career/college Counseling Initiative:** Frank Geist said PMAA is at its best when doing something for the alumni (i.e. recognition of veterans). With this in mind, Jan Mindish suggested connecting alumni with alumni who need support. Some examples given were: a college student feeling a loss of confidence who could benefit from talking with an alum; a veteran returning from Afghanistan and having problems coping who would benefit from talking to an alum who is a veteran; an alum who is starting their own business and would benefit from speaking with an alum who is an established business person. Discussion ensued regarding how to find/screen alum that would be willing to be part of this mentoring program. The general consensus was that this is a project the association feels is worthy and would like to discuss further.

The June meeting was cancelled making this meeting the final general membership meeting for this school year. The Executive Committee will meet and set up meeting dates for the next school year. These dates will be published.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. on a motion by Kathy Sangrey, a second by Denny Herr, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance.