

**Minutes
Penn Manor Alumni Association**

September 4, 2012

The Penn Manor Alumni Association met on the above-cited date in the Alumni Room at Penn Manor High School. President, Fred Wilds II called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Dolores Warfel, Linda Millard, Michael McDonald, Fred Wilds II, Frank Geist, Judy Duke, Cindy LaMaster, Joyce Ludwig, Melissa Ostrowski, Nancy Smith, Jan Mindish, and Gillian Graham.

The minutes of the April 3, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion by Linda Millard, a second by Michael McDonald, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance.

Judy Duke gave the treasurer's report. She stated that the association has a balance of \$93,055, which includes monies in CD's, checking and the money market. Judy reviewed current income and expenses. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Linda Millard, a second by Joyce Ludwig, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Summer Edition of the *Comet Chatter* was discussed. The *Chatter* was again published in full color. We received good feedback and discussed potential additions to future editions, such as including more info about alums from various decades. Combining the Alumni Banquet invitation with the next edition was also discussed.

Nancy Smith provided an update on PMAA volunteer activities. As discussed at our last meeting, volunteers are no longer needed. Nancy explained that this is because report cards are now computerized.

The Homecoming 2012 Planning Committee reported on progress of the event. Volunteers will arrive beginning at 5 pm to set up all activities under the tent. Discussion of details showed that everything for the event is coming together nicely.

NEW BUSINESS:

Melissa Ostrowski presented information from Principal Phil Gale and PMHS concerning plans for a high school experience feedback survey. Melissa explained that the high school was previously able to utilize grant money to fund post-high school experience surveys, but that these funds have dried up in the current educational climate. Mr. Gale and the HS guidance department are investigating creating a survey in-house and distributing it through the website Survey Monkey. The HS would like to include information about the survey in the PMAA letter to 2013 grads. Assisting Mr. Gale and the HS guidance department was approved on a motion by Melissa Ostrowski, a second by Dolores Warfel, and a unanimous voice vote.

Frank Geist discussed the Distinguished Alumni selection process. He talked about coordinating with Phil Gale and reminded everyone that the cut-off for nominations is November 16, 2012.

The Biennial Alumni Banquet was discussed. Dolores Warfel will communicate with Sherlyn Wolf, HS cafeteria manager, to choose a Saturday in April for holding the banquet. The banquet will feature the induction of the 2013 Class of Distinguished Alumni. As a group we brainstormed themes for the banquet. Past themes included veterans, cheerleaders, and those employed in education. Possible future themes considered were theater, arts, FFA, band, and healthcare, among others. At our next meeting we will choose a theme and establish a banquet committee.

Frank Geist discussed PMAA involvement at PMHS 2013 Commencement. He talked about the possibility of including graduates from the class of 1963 as VIP guests at graduation.

Frank Geist also talked about the PM Building Rental Contract. It was determined that Dolores Warfel will complete the Building Rental Contract for the upcoming Alumni Banquet after a date for the banquet is decided.

An item not on the agenda was presented: we discussed the possibility of participating in the Millersville Parade during homecoming weekend. The group as a whole was undecided, feeling that it would be a good thing to participate but also a lot of work on short notice. The possibility of combining forces with the Penn Manor Education Foundation was discussed. The idea was informally dropped due to the impending date of the parade but may be reconsidered in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Linda Millard, a second by Judy Duke and Michael McDonald, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library alumni room.