

**Minutes  
Penn Manor Alumni Association**

**April 1, 2014**

The Penn Manor Alumni Association met on the above-cited date in the library at Penn Manor High School. President Fred Wilds called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Frank Geist, Judy Duke, Jan Mindish, Fred Wilds, Linda Millard, Dolores Warfel, Gillian Graham, Melissa Ostrowski, and Cindy Rhoades.

The minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion by Dolores Warfel and a second by Frank Geist.

Judy Duke gave the treasurer's report. She informed us that we received a donation of \$374 from the Class of 1942. The Class of 1942 met regularly every five years until 2007. Frank Geist contacted donor Mary Spence to thank her and update her on current PMAA news. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Linda Millard and a second by Dolores Warfel.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Frank Geist reviewed the Spring 2014 edition of the *Comet Chatter*. He thanked Cindy Rhoades for editing, Jan Mindish for contributing the feature article on Luella Mellinger, and Dolores Warfel for maintaining our mailing list. He noted that the *Chatter* went out slightly later than normal because we were waiting for a photo of Hambright.

Frank led the group in thanking Fred Wilds for serving two years as president and doing a great job at homecoming.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

We chose to honor alumni working in healthcare at next year's alumni banquet. The theme was nominated on a motion by Frank Geist and seconded by Cindy Rhoades. We discussed utilizing the Rowdy Rankins catering for the banquet dinner because they donate their profit to the fight against cancer. Jan Mindish volunteered to contact the caterer. Cindy Rhoades will talk to Sharlotte Dammerman at the high school to schedule the banquet. Any Saturday except Easter (April 5, 2015) will be considered.

Melissa Ostrowski discussed the Luella Mellinger Scholarship to be awarded to graduates seeking a career in teaching. She sought volunteers to review applications and choose a winner. Cindy Rhoades, Judy Duke, and Gillian Graham agreed to award the scholarship. They made their decision on Thursday, April 10, 2014, and it will remain confidential until Pat Kline presents the award.

We reviewed preparations for the Distinguished Alumni Wall of Honor and the Athletic Wall of Honor. The Distinguished Alumni will be inducted at our banquet next spring. We will choose 3-5 recipients to honor. The Athletic Wall of Honor awards and banquet are coordinated by Jeff Roth, High School Athletic Director. He will plan a meeting before the end of the school year. The deadline for nominations is April 15, and winners will be awarded in January 2015.

Frank Geist and Jan Mindish requested ideas for articles to feature in the Summer 2014 *Chatter*. We will mail our summer letter and membership dues request with the newsletter. Dues will remain at \$5 yearly or \$100 for lifetime membership.

PMAA officer elections were held. All those nominated accepted their positions. 2014/2015 officers are:

President:	Melissa Detz Ostrowski, Class of 1988
Vice President:	Frank Geist, Class of 1963
Treasurer:	Judy Herr Duke, Class of 1979
Recording Secretary:	Gillian Graham, Class of 2007
Corresponding Secretary:	Dolores Hippey Warfel, Class of 1960
Archivist:	Cindy Duncan LaMaster, Class of 1974

Planning began for Homecoming 2015. Cindy Rhoades brought samples of blue fleece scarves for our giveaway prize. The scarves cost less than \$3 and will be more versatile than t-shirts because they are one-size-fits-all. We will have our gold Comets logo printed on the scarves. A homecoming committee formed consisting of Dolores Warfel, Jan Mindish, Cindy Rhoades, Judy Duke, and Frank Geist. Melissa will plan a meeting for this summer.

We set next year's meeting dates for the following:

Tuesday, September 9, 2014  
Tuesday, November 11, 2014  
Tuesday, April 7, 2015

We covered plans for graduation this year. The Class of 1964 will be invited to attend the ceremony. Melissa Ostrowski will review the letter given to seniors at graduation to include our PMAA message.

We agreed to restrict outside use of our PMAA mailing list. A student athletic group used the list to fundraise, and this received unfavorable reactions from our members. Henceforth we will follow a policy of restricting use of the mailing list to PMAA only. Restricting use of the list was approved on a motion by Frank Geist and a second by Judy Duke.

Dolores Warfel agreed to check inventory of PMAA stationary and grant approval to place next year's order.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on motion by Cindy Rhoades, a second by Dolores Warfel, and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library alumni room.