

Bedford High School Alumni Association
General Alumni Meeting
September 22, 2015
Bedford High School Media Center
Temperance, MI

Officers/Members Present: President Mickey Rudolph, Secretary Dustin Cress, Treasurer Lisa McCaig, Trustees Edd Bankowski & Jennifer Harpel, Dewey Hall, Paul Stanifer, Pam Krell, Angela Rawson, Dustin Winkler, Ron Koch, Doug Winkler, Terri Ormsby, Karen Daggett, & Laura Collins

Officers Absent: Vice President Gene Stock

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked anyone who had not filled out a membership application to take the time to do so and provided applications to those new members.

The President asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the August 26, 2015 General Alumni Meeting. Motion was made by Dewey Hall, 2nd by Pam Krell. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

The President distributed the Treasurer's Report and stated that as of this meeting the balance in our accounts totaled \$25,501.38. Motion was made by Dustin Cress, 2nd by Laura Collins to place the Treasurer's Report on file for audit. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

The President informed the members that money from the Bedford 50th Celebration would be passing through the Alumni Association's accounts due to our 501(C)3 tax exempt status so donations could be tax deductible. Moneys remaining after the 50th celebration would be donated to the Alumni Association and earmarked for scholarships or stadium upgrades.

Old Business:

Introduction of officers- Mickey asked each officer to introduce themselves so that members who hadn't been in attendance at previous meetings could know who they were.

Mickey indicated that Mary Zaums had stepped forward to volunteer her services to co-chair the Fundraising Committee after nominations had concluded at the August 26 meeting. She then made a motion, 2nd by Karen Daggett to appoint Mary Zaums as co-chair of the Fundraising Committee. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued about the past officers and several members expressed their appreciation for the past officers and the way they fought to keep the Alumni Association alive. Pam Krell stated that she was proud to see the way new people had stepped forward and that it made all the hard work of the previous officers worth it to see the Association moving forward now. Mickey expressed her appreciation to Laura & Pam as well as Gene Stock & Chuck Faller. The discussion continued and evolved into a discussion about people stepping forward to help with

committees. Terri Ormsby & Doug Winkler expressed their desire to help with the Hall of Fame Committee. Dustin Winkler stated he would want to serve on the Alumni Relations Committee.

Bedford 50th Celebration: Mickey stated that volunteers were needed for Friday & Saturday and passed around a sign-up sheet. Discussion ensued about the different events and stations and where people would be working, etc.

At this time Mickey gave a brief presentation about her goals for the future of the Alumni Association. She wanted to highlight her short-term goals which were going to involve getting a website up and running and getting a mybedford.us e-mail for the Alumni Association to have access to. The question was raised about why we didn't just use the school district's website. Dustin Cress stated that we wanted to have control over the content of our website and we wanted to be able to update and post things as opposed to having to wait for someone to do it for us.

Mickey stated that another short-term goal would be to develop a new Mission/Vision Statement for the Alumni Association and to take a look at updating the Constitution. Dustin Cress stated that he believed this could fall under the umbrella of the Alumni Relations Committee to meet and make a recommendation to the Board for their approval.

There was discussion about fundraising ideas, newsletters, and other brainstorming items that people thought we should think about moving forward. No action was taken but further discussion will take place at subsequent meetings.

New Business:

Dewey Hall mentioned the poor quality of the plaques on the West wall of the stadium and stated that he believed the Alumni Association needed to check into having the plaques reconditioned and to get them properly attached to the wall. Several people stepped forward with interest in this and stated they would check into alternatives and present them at a future meeting.

Next Meetings:

Executive Board Meeting w/ Committee Chairs- Tuesday, October 20, 2015 @ 7 p.m.

General Alumni Meeting- Tuesday, October 27, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

Both meetings to be held at BHS with a room location TBD

Motion to adjourn was made by Edd Bankowski, 2nd by Karen Daggett. There was no discussion, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dustin Cress
Secretary