

COLERAIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting – 28 January 2002
7:30 PM

M I N U T E S

PRESENT: Greg Stanley, President; Denny Hirsch, Vice-President; Ev Peterson-Fox, Secretary; Michele Rub-Hughes, Treasurer; Jerry Hansert, Trustee; Connie Dorrman, Trustee; Doris Haubner, Guest; Paul Wesolowski, Guest.

EXCUSED: Stan Trusler, Trustee.

CALL TO ORDER: Greg Stanley, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

SECRETARY REPORT: A copy of the 9/5/01 meeting minutes was distributed to all in attendance for review. Connie Dorrman noted the following correction: Page two, Committee Reports, By-Laws Section under Proposed Change (d) paragraph two, first sentence, change “at” to “to” to correctly read; “Michele Hughes motioned to accept the draft of the new By-Laws.” Denny Hirsch made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Michele Hughes gave the Treasurer’s Report. Balance as of 1/28/02, \$7,169.56; there are two outstanding bills for newsletter paper and the new website totaling approximately \$1,100.00. Michele also noted the alumni is starting to receive many donations designated as a memorial. In addition to sending a thank card for the donation, a sympathy card is also sent. Jerry Hansert made a motion for approval of the Treasurer’s Report as read; the motion was seconded and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter:

The Executive Board received a complaint regarding the small size of the printing contained in the Fall, 2001 issue of the Chatter. Everyone in attendance shared the same concerns and agreed future issues will have a font size of at least 10.

The Postal Service has changed the required wording placed on the outside of mailings which permits the post office to return undeliverable mail to the sender and providing the updated forwarding address information. It currently costs the alumni approximately \$400.00 per newsletter mailing for this return service which ensures a current database of alumni addresses. Since address updates can now be handled electronically, it was decided we would closely monitor this newer process for accuracy during the Spring, 2002 newsletter mailing before discontinuing the return service. This information will be reported at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

By-Laws:

Copies of the current By-Laws were distributed to everyone in attendance. There were no suggestions for changes or revisions.

Website:

The new website, www.colerainalumni.com has received numerous “kudos” since it’s inception. We are currently seeking pictures of Distinguished Grads to be added to the website.

In a quest to maintain current e-mail addresses on the website, it was suggested we take one graduating class, at a time, and do a mass e-mail. We will also utilize the front page of the Chatter to request new updates.

Webmaster Final Billing:

The old website is still online. While the Alumni Executive Board requested a final billing via certified mail, return receipt requested, from the former Webmaster last June, to date, a final statement has not been received. The prior contract expired 9/30/01; it was agreed, before a final draft could be issued, a bill for services must be received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scholarships:

Denny Hirsch made a motion to provide one \$400.00 Vocational and one \$400.00 Academic Scholarship, again this year. Michele Hughes seconded; motion carried.

After Prom Donation:

Denny Hirsch made a motion to once again contribute to the senior class after prom activities in the amount of \$100.00. Doris Haubner seconded; motion carried.

Honors Night Plaques:

Unanimously a recipient was chosen to receive this recognition to be presented at Honors Night. Greg Stanley will make the introduction.

Distinguished Grads 2002:

Awards will be presented during Alumni Night, which will be held on 9/13/02. Currently, we are seeking nominations for alumni for consideration of this award. Nominations may be made via mail, newsletter or on the website. A committee will be formed to meet in June to review the nominations received and to select a recipient.

Alumni Night 2002:

Principal, Maureen Heinz, would like the Alumni to recognize all of the Valedictorians and Salutatorians this year during halftime. Ms. Heinz would also like to see the Valedictorians and Salutatorians return to school that day and visit the classrooms. It was noted, a plaque is currently on display in the front hallway, which contains the names of the Valedictorians and Salutatorians from 1970 to present. The suggestion of also recognizing the National Merit Scholars was received. This info will be more difficult to obtain. Anyone who has knowledge of any recipients is requested to contact us with the name and year graduated.

The Alumni also received a request to incorporate into the halftime activities a moment to recognize the alumni in attendance sitting in the grandstands. Everyone thought this was a great idea and alumni in the grandstands will be asked to stand.

Alumni Band:

Paul Wesolowski was in attendance to discuss different means of identifying and contacting former band members for the purpose of performing during Alumni Night. Paul will work with the Executive Board Members to flag the database of all band members. Once this task has been accomplished, a mailer to all members identified will be sent. Michele Hughes made a motion for the Alumni to provide funding for this mailing. Connie Dormann seconded; motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, September 9, 2002, 7:30PM in the Colerain High School Administrative Office Meeting Room.

ADJOURMENT:

Denny Hirsch made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Doris Haubner seconded; meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Peterson-Fox,
Secretary