

Ephrata Alumni Association Annual Meeting Agenda

March 13, 2023 Ephrata High School Library 7:00 pm

*Secretary's note: Even as I write these **long** overdue minutes, I am still processing the decline and passing of long-time secretary (and heart of the alumni association) Beverly Elshire Mayer. Her contributions to the organization were far greater than I even know, and at some point I will get ahold of her daughter Lisa to see about accessing her files.*

Board of Directors: President Michael Lehmann-present, Vice-President Sheila Billingsley Massey - present, Secretary Beverly Elshire Mayer - absent, Treasurer Gail Mason Smith-Scellick - present
Members Jerry Pitts - present, Linda Pierce Pierson - present, John M. Kriete - present, Terri Pitts Moncrief - absent, Katie Allstot Johnson - absent, Katie Johnson-Greene - absent

The meeting was called to order by President Lehmann; Sheila Massey was asked to act as secretary in the absence/illness of Secretary Mayer. Linda Pierce Pierson shared an update on Secretary Mayer's health and intermittent hospitalization since January.

The minutes of the last meeting (March 14, 2022) were read and approved with the correction that "2021 viral meeting" should read "2021 virtual meeting."

President report: President Lehman shared that the website is up and running, though there are not many new posts.

The PayPal option is working for lifetime and annual membership payments.

President Lehmann is working on the recruitment of a Website Manager and would appreciate any volunteers or suggested names to contact.

The Alumni Association Facebook page has historical information, including the large undertaking by Secretary Mayer and President Lehmann of identifying Veterans who graduated from EHS and sharing their photos and biographical information.

The board voted to award 3 scholarships this year via a telephone and text vote.

Treasurer report: TreasureGail Smith-Scellick provided the following balances, as well as a more detailed ledger (attached):

2022 Year Start: \$20,693.40

2022 Year End: \$25,017.09

2022 Year Income: \$4,323.69

2020 Year Start: \$25,017.09

2023 Year to Date: \$25,097.09

2023 Year Income \$80.00

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Secretary report: Since VP Massey was filling in for Secretary Mayer, there was little to report. VP Massey did send several invitations to join the Alumni Association Facebook page, which received several positive responses in joining the page. A subsequent post yielded one new annual membership plus a scholarship donation.

The March 2022 minutes documented 226 life members, 13 memorial life members, and 19 annual members, so the new memberships since that time will need to be added for an account of current membership.

The number of students graduating from 1914 through 2021 was 10,138. The number of 2022 graduates will need to be added for an accurate updated number.

Scholarship Committee: The 2022 scholarship committee was composed of Linda Pierson, Katie Johnson-Greene, and Gail Smith. Applications were picked up and each committee member's application choices were assigned points, with the top two point total applicants being awarded \$1,000.00 scholarships. Those winners were Anna Pugh and Winston Roberts.

In 2022 a special donation campaign was held in recognition of the Tigers team/squad members who have achieved high academic standards. That campaign added \$2,550.00 to the scholarship program. A \$1000.00 Academic Athlete Scholarship was given from those proceeds to McKell Johns.

2023 Scholarship Info - We will be awarding three (3) \$1000.00 scholarships for 2023. After looking at the increase in the number of memberships and donations from 2022, the board voted to award three scholarships for 2023. Applications are due to the Ephrata High School counselors on April 14, 2023. The President will choose a committee to evaluate and choose the winners once the applications are picked up. We will look at the finances again for the 2024 Scholarship year.

New business: Jerry Pitts shared some information about the Class of '55 reunion.

Old business: Vice President Massey shared that the showcase was updated in October during Homecoming week with past photos and memorabilia of football teams (thank you to President Lehmann and Secretary Mayer for their contributions). She has also spoken with Mikki Roche Johns, current EHS teacher and member of the class of '93 about helping her update it again before the end of the school year. Additional ideas include "Where are they now?" and "Noted Alumni" features, and perhaps focusing on the decade that have reunions this year (2013, 2003, 1993, 1983, 1973, etc.)

Nominating Committee Report: Committee Chairperson Pierson presented the following members for election to the 2023-2024 Alumni Association Board of Directors: Katie Allstot Johnson EHS '99, Katie Johnson-Greene EHS '99, John Kriete EHS '64, Michael Lehmann EHS '57, Sheila Billingsley Massey EHS '89, Beverly Elshire Mayer EHS '60, Terri Pitts Moncrief EHS '76, Jerry Pitts EHS '55, and Gail Mason Smith-Scellick EHS '70. A unanimous ballot was cast for the election of presented candidates.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM.

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A brief meeting of the new board followed in order to nominate and elect board officers for the 2023-2024 year. The following individuals were nominated and elected: President Michael Lehmann, Vice President John Kriete, Treasurer Gail Mason Smith-Scelliick, and Secretary Sheila Billingsley Massey.