

LANSING EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Wednesday October 15, 2008
Eastern High School, Eleanor A. Doersam Social Room

Members Present: Lou Hekhuis – Chairman, Stefanie Dummer-Wolter – acting recorder, Eleanor Doersam, Jerry King, Virgil Langworthy, Ella Dickson, Jim Sinadinos, Mark Hahn, Donna Pohl, Don Johnson

J. Sinadinos passed around a calander designed by 1953 graduate Jerry DeWitt.

J. Sinadinos motioned to accept the minutes, J. King seconded. Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

L. Hekhuis reported that the Capital Community Foundation received our names, but hasn't called anyone. Dennis Flieman told Lou that Julia and Pauline would attend the fund committee meetings and that we had made around \$50,000 in interest.

L. Hekhuis asked for ways to use the contribution made in honor of Martha Mendez, approximately \$1,000. The following ideas were suggested: plaque for alumni leadership, naming a concession stand at the new stadium in her honor, giving the money to the Community Dream project, asking Joe Mendez what he thought.

E. Dickson reported that the AD posting had closed and interviews would begin October 28th. D. Johnson offered to represent the Alumni Association. The interview committee would consist of E. Dickson, Jim Davis, Al Grey, and D. Johnson. She also reported that the Assistant AD position had been posted. The AD applicant had to be an LESA member. Al Grey has been the interim athletic director. The Assistant AD does not have to be an LESA member. E. Dickson would like the AD to be a full time position.

J. Sinadinos asked a questions about Tommy Boyd's contract with the district. E. Dickson reported that T. Boyd had asked about his contract. She suggested that he talk with the central office. She also reported that some positions within the school, one of which "parent coordinator" had yet to be filled for Eastern. She would make mention of this during the District's board meeting where they would be discussing the restructuring plan.

E. Dickson reported that they had interviews for the assistant principal position and that she had given her recommendation to Wallace.

E. Dickson reported that Homecoming was the week of Oct 17. There would be a pep assembly at 1:00pm, parade at 4:45pm, the game would be at Everett at 7:30pm and then a dance at 9:00pm.

E. Dickson reported that they just gave the PSAT to 10th and 11th graders and that the MEAP would be given the following week with a makeup on October 28.

D. Pohl reported that Eastern had an increase in student population to 1,360 and mentioned that Sexton's count was 800-900 and Everett's count was 1,600.

L. Hekhuis asked if E. Dickson had heard anything further on the Quaker Corp from Julie Lemond, but she had not.

S. Dummer-Wolter asked if there were some NHS students or students from Mike Richter's class who could help out with the new website and E. Dickson gave her the names of the NHS Advisor Teresa Wright and school librarian Kay Meints. D. Pohl suggested contacting a former student Raphial who works with Richter.

S. Dummer-Wolter made a motion to create an LEHS Alumni Association website. The webmaster would be Lee Walker. L. Hekhuis commented that Dennis Fliehman said that it could be funded. V. Langworthy seconded. Motion passed. It was suggested that S. Dummer-Wolter, V. Langworthy and L. Walker get together after November 9 to set up the parameters.

E. Doersam reported on the Athletic Hall of Fame meeting that she and L. Hekhuis attended. Rick Edwards is now acting secretary; Jean Clum is the treasurer. Al Grey suggested that they do a 50/50 raffle at basketball games to raise money. A suggestion at the meeting was to get local alumni businesses to advertise in the programs. Howard Cook stepped down as president and Sue Beekman-Mill is the new president. Jim Doren is a new member. They have their meeting on the second Tuesdays of the month at 1pm. They still need to pay \$600 from last year. They are looking for applicants to be inducted. Applications are due December 1, 2008. The ceremony will be the second Saturday in May during the Alumni baseball game.

L. Hekhuis brought up finding major donors for the fund. E. Doersam asked if M. Hahn knew a Theadora Siettas who wanted to donate in honor of Hugh Spagnuolo. J. Sinadinos mentioned that we should send a flyer that had financial information on it and goal amount. L. Hekhuis suggested we expand Becky Palmer-Scott's newsletter. M. Hahn suggested that we add a personal touch – a hand written message to each donor. S. Dummer-Wolter agreed to generate a donor list from the names J. Sinadinos gave her.

Next meeting will be November 19, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Dummer-Wolter, acting recorder