

LANSING EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Wednesday October 21, 2009
Lansing Eastern High School Eleanor Doersam Social Room

Members Present: Lou Hekhuis – Chairman, Stefanie Dummer-Wolter – acting recorder, Dave Cushion, Eleanor Doersam, Susan Land, Dave Panici, Jack Gunther, Jerry King

Lee Howell spoke on behalf of Carissa Trevino who had made a presentation the previous meeting about attending the Global Youth Leadership Conference in Washington DC. He reported that the cost would be \$2,995 for 11 days, \$3,765 for 14 days with a transportation cost between \$279-300. She doesn't know if she can go to the conference or not at this time.

Susan Land reported that they had 388 parents out of 1400 students attend conferences. November 6, 2009 marks the end of the first marking period. They are focusing on the graduation rate for their seniors. She is also focusing on Professional Learning Communities for school improvement. She mentioned that Sheryl Thorton is a possible candidate to be put in charge of the Quaker Corp.

Dave Panici reported that they were having a successful fall athletic program. The teams were doing well and the students were keeping up their grades and participating in community service programs such as the Cancer Walk. This year there would be a Thanksgiving showcase at the fieldhouse for basketball and also in January (15/16) Steve Smith would be holding a tournament – we would play Grand Ledge and Detroit Pershing would play Detroit Country Day. The Breakfast fundraiser for the Baseball program will be held the second weekend in December at Eastern this year. December 5th is the Don Johnson Wrestling Tournament; December 19th is the Bill Allen Wrestling Tournament. The Hall of Fame Induction will take place on February 26th.

Lou Hekhuis reported on the Hugh Spagnuolo award given out on the 19th to Matthew Jason.

Elle Doersam reported that we award mini grant and impact grants to the following:

Anthony Greenburg – Turnitin's Writing Cycle
Pricilla Ellis – Teaching Beyond My Borders
Karyn Smith – New York Times Upfront
Michael Richter – Video Promotions for/about Eastern
David McCreight – Academic & Competitive Edge
Mrs. Khadija – Model UN Conference
Rosaline Kuiper – Quaker Moms
Pricilla Ellis – Eastern Honor Roll / Honor Guard
Mrs. Fuller – Water Testing

Stefanie Wolter talked about getting readers for the Hugh Spagnuolo Writing award and suggested we talk to Mark Hahn and the Red Cedar Writing group at MSU. She also brought up the additional money the Advisory Board is offering Eastern teachers for use in the arts; specifically taking students to a performance.

L. Hekhuis reported that we received \$10,000 from the Edsel Brown estate – really from Darlene Engler, and \$100,000 from the Jack VanderWheel estate.

Jerry King made a motion that we open a savings/checking account to deposit the money in to give us time to decide what to do with it. Dave Cushion seconded the motion. Motion passed. We agreed that Lou Hekhuis and Stefanie Wolter would have to sign for the account in order to access the money.

L. Hekhuis also suggested that we move the maintenance account for the courtyard to an outside source. It currently has \$4,000 in it. He also mentioned that the Wheeler brick needs to be moved.

S. Land and L. Hekhuis talked about the Quaker Corp. They are looking to create the program as a co-curricular and see how many students are attracted to it. Then build the base from there. If it is successful then they would add it as a class.

S. Dummer-Wolter brought up an idea from Michael Richter to have alumni volunteer to walk the halls during class time. The question was brought up as to whether or not they would have to be fingerprinted. S. Land said she would find out if they would need to be fingerprinted, but we thought that because they were volunteers the answer would be no. The best hours for the walkers would be 8-10am and 12:30-2:30pm.

Our next meeting will be November 18, 2009 at 3:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stefanie Dummer-Wolter
Acting Recorder