

Lansing Eastern High School Alumni Association
Wednesday June 23, 2010
Lansing Eastern High School Eleanor Doersam Social Room

Members Present: Lou Hekhuis – Chairman, Stefanie Dummer-Wolter – acting recorder, Eleanor Doersam, Dave Cushion, Roan Morgan, Jack Gunther, Letha Collins, James Lynch; Guests: Lois Bader

Lou Hekhuis introduced Lois Bader who has run the literacy program Capital Area Literacy Coalition for 25 years. Ron Morgan talked about the need to support the underperforming students who are currently in the 9th grade using a program like L. Bader had set up years before at Eastern.

L. Bader spoke about the history of her program and how it helps students and adults to learn to read. She has approached the district offering to put together programs in the schools, but has received no response from them. The Association asked if she could put together a budget and proposal for how much it would cost to put the America Reads program at Eastern. L. Bader also said that the program is only as strong as the support from the staff and administration at the school. The students would need to get tested so as to find out their reading level. Ron Morgan is going to get some information to the other members of his sub-committee and we will talk about the program at our next meeting.

L. Hekhuis talked about how Debbie Reemynder took over the upkeep of the courtyard, but she is not sure of her job status at Eastern.

Letha Collins handed out the minutes from the Picnic meeting and the Department head meeting. The Picnic has been moved to the Quaker Room and it was suggested that it should be put on Facebook. S. Dummer-Wolter said she would contact the media concerning the Picnic. L. Hekhuis mentioned that the Royal Jesters would be available for \$200 to play at the Picnic.

L. Hekhuis reported that the Class of 1945 gave the Association \$700 for the maintenance fund for the Courtyard and Jack Gunther said he would deposit it. The Association also thought that L. Hekhuis should be added to that account.

R. Morgan thought that we might want to advertise in the Lansing State Journal to let people know that we exist.

Our next meeting will be July 20, 2011 at 3pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Dummer-Wolter
Acting recorder