

Lansing Eastern High School
Alumni Foundation
September 11, 2017 Meeting Report

Members present: Lou Hekhuis, Letha Collins, Mike Williams, Judy Williams, Eleanor Doersam, Cheryl Cushion, David Cushion, Jeri Haber, Jack Davis, Rene Aroz, Marcelle Carruthers and Lynne Martinez.

Lou called the meeting to order at 4:05

Draft reports of the July 11 and August 8, 2017 Board meeting were considered were considered and approved with grammatical corrections.

Mr. Carruthers presented a report on the exciting beginning of the school year.

- PSAT testing will happen in September.
- Staff has been meeting and discussing communications and leadership among themselves and students.
- Mr. Carruthers and staff are pushing the use of technology to improve learning, especially with groups of students.
- Staff and students helped the injured in a serious automobile / bus accident that happened in front of Eastern. Police and hospital staff thanked and commended them.
- Eight Alumni have been hired into various positions and are delighted to be back at LEHS

Lou presented several items:

- All members of the LEHS Alumni Association Board are invited to attend a special Design Review presentation of current plans for the new LEHS at the School Board meeting room on Tuesday, September 12 at 5:30 PM.
- A meeting with Yvonne Caamal Canul and Mark Coscarella is set for September 29 to discuss what the Administration would do to help with the 90th Anniversary Celebration.
- Dr Bell has retired. He made many significant contributions to LEHS and will be missed.

Planning for the LEHS 90th Anniversary was the major item discussed.

- There was discussion of who could be the Board's Event Planner, helping to develop the overall plan and coordinate work of the Committees. Mrs. Doersam is meeting with Chris Barajas and will check with her and Dawn Stiles about whether they might be co-chairs for Anniversary Planning.
- What will the day look like?
 - Time – Start and end
 - The day will begin with the QuakerDash 5K sponsored by the LEHS PTSA. They will handle planning and functioning of this event. It begins at 8:30 AM.
 - The ending time for the 90th Anniversary Celebration was not set, but sometime around 4:00 or 5:00 PM was suggested.

- Events to be included?
 - Picnic Lunch – 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM. It was recommended that the food committee seek in-kind donations from local restaurant and catering businesses
 - 10:00 am to noon and 2:00 to 4:00 pm - Tours of the current LEHS building and of the current Pattengill – students should lead tours of the Eastern Building
 - Music – LEHS Band Directors and Students, and others from the community, could there be an Alumni Band?
 - Theater – Carrie Brady would coordinate. She needs to be contacted.
 - Video of LEHS history and legacy – Patricia Moreno will create it. Lansing State Journal and Capital Area District Library offered assistance.
 - Possibly the Groundbreaking for LEHS at Pattengill, keep in touch with Yvonne Caamal-Canul, and Chrisman Corp
 - Tours of Courtyard – needs maintenance and refurbishing
 - Fundraising for LEHS Foundation Endowment
 - There should be Closing Ceremony – Who and What?

- Other needs:
 - Band shell?
 - Tables and chairs – indoor and outdoor?

- What Committees will we need?
 - Fundraising for Anniversary Celebration Fundraising – Sylvia McCollough and Julia Boyd will help with fundraising. **Need a chairperson.**
 - Logistics – where can people park? Can Dean Transportation provide vans to shuttle people between parking at Pattengill and LEHS? – Ask Yvonne. **Need a Chairperson.**
***NOTE:** Kelly Dean was at the Design Review presentation. He agreed to provide transportation between LEHS and Pattengill and want to be an Event Sponsor.*
 - Food **Jeri Haber would help and not Chair. Need a Chairperson.**
 - Publicity and Outreach – **Lynne will Chair.** Ask Yvonne for help from Bob Kolt and Eldon McGraw
 - Volunteer Recruiting and Coordination. Joan Nelson offered help from ANC with volunteer Manager. **Need a Chairperson.**
 - Entertainment – Music, Theater, Video **Need a Chairperson**
 - Decorating – **Need a Chairperson.** Ellie commented that Chris Barajas is good at decorating.
 - Fundraising - for LEHS Foundation Endowment – **Cheryl Cushion will Chair.**
 - Honorariums / Memorabilia **Needs further discussion**

- There was discussion of possible Anniversary sponsors and donors:
 - Granger
 - Kosicheckts
 - Sparrow
 - Lansing Board of Water and Light
 - David Hollister
 - Jerry Hollister / Niowave
 - James Herbert / Neogen
 - Who else?

Lou, Ellie, Jack and Lynne will meet with Yvonne Caamal-Canul and Mark Coscarella on September 29 to discuss assistance the School District Administration might be able to provide in planning the 90th Anniversary Celebration and what part they would play on the day of the event.

The Meeting Adjourned about 5:45

Next Meeting: October 9, 2017 at 4:00 PM at LEHS Social Room