

Lansing Eastern High School Alumni Board Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2019, 4:00 PM
LEHS Social Room
Meeting Report

Attending were Jack Davis, Cheryl Cushion, Eleanor Doersam, Jeri Haber, Charmaine Cutts–Wilson, Renie Araoz, Nancy Mahlow, Heather Carrigan (LSD), Mark Coscarella (LSD), and Lynne Martinez.

Board President Jack Davis called the Meeting to Order at 4:10

The proposed agenda was reviewed and approved with the addition of one item.

A report from the February Board meeting was presented by Cheryl Cushion, who authored the report. It was unanimously approved.

Jack Davis led a discussion regarding the name, articles of Incorporation and bylaw for the reorganized corporation. Nancy moved and Cheryl seconded a motion to approve the new name, articles and bylaws as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Additionally the Board unanimously authorized Jack to prepare and submit a 501(c)(3) application for Tax exempt status to the IRS

Nomination of New Board Members

- It was moved by Jeri and seconded by Renie that Heather Carrigan, Class of 1990 and Class President be approved as a member of the Board of Directors of the LEHS Alumni Association. The motion was unanimously approved.
- It was agreed that Dontaye Garrett will be invited to the next meeting so that he could be considered for board membership.

Discussion of the parameters of Membership was postponed to the next meeting because Judy, who is the lead person on this matter, was absent.

Catherine Bates presented a report on what has been happening at the School for Mr. Carruthers, who was not able to attend. She briefly discussed the role of the Career Pathways Coordinator in helping students and parents through Pathways decisions. Per a request from Board Members, it was agreed that the Coordinator will be invited to the next meeting to describe her role in the school with the Board.

Lansing School District Presentation on the proposed Sinking Fund and the May 7 Vote: Mark Coscarella presented information on the millage proposal, which would be available to fund repairs and capital improvements for the buildings. He presented information on the millage and shared a power point. Mark promised to forward information about the millage and asked that people share it with friends and family, especially alumni and others likely to be supportive. The information is attached.

Jack Davis led a discussion regarding Sparrow Health System plans for the LEHS structure. He toured the building with Hospital people, considering what they may try to keep. The Front of the old building along Pennsylvania Ave. is most likely.

There is question about trying to preserve the auditorium. The hospital has expressed interest in restoring it for medical education. Lansing Symphony Orchestra is interested in presenting programs there. All discussion is now on hold, with the City's Announcement that they are considering building a performing arts venue.

Jack noted that he had toured the new construction that is happening at the former Pattengill building, which will be the new LEHS. Mark Coscarella distributed a building plan that shows what the completed building will look like.

It was noted that Jay Vincent had offered to present a program on bullying and racism in Lansing Area Schools. After some consideration, Superintendent Yvonne Caamal Canul invited Mr. Vincent to speak to the Junior Board of Education. He declined. Nothing further has happened.

Lynne promised to bring an updated Board Member List to the next meeting.

Other Items

There will be a party to celebrate Pauline Pasch's service to and retirement from the Community Foundation. The event will be at the Foundation office in the Marshall St Armory beginning at 4:30 pm.

The Annual Promise Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 25th at the Don Johnson Fieldhouse. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at about 5:30.

Next meeting: Monday, April 29, 2019 at 4:00 pm