

**MINUTES**  
**PENN MANOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
March 1, 2011

The Penn Manor Alumni Association met on the above-cited date in the Alumni Room in Penn Manor High School. President, Michael McDonald, opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Michael McDonald, Fred Wilds, Linda Millard, Dolores Warfel, Frank Geist and Judy Duke.

There were no minutes for the February 1, 2011 meeting because that meeting was cancelled due to icy road conditions.

Judy Duke reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Current expenses paid included the costs for the Comet Chatter and the Alumni Banquet invitation paper. Judy informed those in attendance that the association's Certificate of Deposit will be coming up for renewal in June. The Certificate of Deposit is currently earning 2.3% interest. She said the interest rate will undoubtedly go down but she is not sure what it will be at the time of renewal. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Fred Wilds, a second by Linda Millard and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance.

The Annual Alumni Banquet was discussed. Michael McDonald said the theme this year is recognition of alum that are working or have worked in education. He reviewed the status of banquet preparations. The invitations have been mailed, a broadcast email is being sent to alum listed in the Harris Directory, an electronic invitation and RSVP are on the alumni association web site and a note is being sent to key building people asking them to promote the banquet. The menu has been selected, a building contract submitted, centerpieces arranged for, table seating will be taken care of by Frank Geist, program preparations are on track, volunteer helpers are arranged for and name tag preparations are in place. He shared a proposed banquet agenda. Frank Geist reviewed the Distinguished Wall of Honor inductees who will be recognized at the Alumni Banquet. He stated that Dr. Jan Mindish will present Dr. Daniel Witmer, Mr. Fred Wilds will present Dr. Joseph McSparren and Mr. Phil Gale will present Dr. Dean Hess. Meals for these inductees and their spouse/guest will be paid for from Cindy Rhoades' Community Service account. Michael passed around a sample of what the plaque given to these inductees looked like in the past. Frank said the plaques are ordered. They will be prepared with the new district logo and a different font. In addition to the individual plaque each inductee receives there will be a group plaque placed on the high school auditorium wall. Mr. Gale has agreed to pay for the plaques this year from the high school budget. In the past individual rather than group plaques were hung in the high school. It has now been decided to replace the individual plaques with group plaques. It has not been determined to date if Mr. Gale is going to pay the cost for the replacements. When Mr. David Neff, former Penn Manor teacher and coach, passed away it was a request of his family that contributions are sent to the Athletic Department in his memory. Those donations will be used to replace the existing Athletic Wall of Honor plaques. Frank stated that Alumni of the Year plaques need to be updated. He asked those in attendance for approval to purchase two group plaques at an approximate cost of \$125 to replace the existing plaques. Approval was granted on a motion by Fred Wilds, a second by Judy Duke and

a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance. Michael suggested giving a gift bag containing local items (i.e. Hammond pretzels, Y & S Candy, etc.) to the alum that traveled the farthest to attend the banquet. Those in attendance agreed that this was an excellent idea and approved his suggestion.

Michael McDonald passed around a sample of the lapel pin that will be presented to alum attending the banquet that are working or have worked in education. It was determined that several Penn Manor teachers who are also Penn Manor alum will be asked to handout the pins. Alum will be called up for recognition by decade of graduation.

Frank Geist reviewed the past practice of having the annual business meeting at the Alumni Banquet. He said that the by-laws have been changed so that, upon approval at an Alumni Association meeting, the annual business meeting can be held at a regular monthly meeting. He asked approval to hold the annual business meeting at the April 5, 2011 meeting of the Alumni Association. Those in attendance granted approval. He stated that officers are elected at this meeting. All officers, except the Treasurer, are currently in their first year of a two-year term and will not need re-election. Judy Duke who does an outstanding job currently fills the Treasurer's position. Frank stated that he did not want to pressure Judy but hoped she would seriously consider agreeing to a one-year extension of her term. Those in attendance agreed.

Also discussed was the need for a selection committee to choose the recipient of the Luella Mellinger Award. It was determined that Michael McDonald, Frank Geist, and Dolores Warfel would serve on this committee. The Mellinger award will be presented to a senior who is going to pursue a teaching career at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Senior Awards Program. Michael agreed to present the award. Frank reviewed the Biemesderfer, Klemmer, and Class of 1971 Excellence in Art awards that are also given by the alumni association.

Fred Wilds wondered if the Alumni Association was going to be involved in the 250<sup>th</sup> Millersville Anniversary celebration. Frank said the association's involvement consisted of providing historical materials to them. Cindy LaMaster has taken care of that by providing pictures, etc. from the archives. These items will be on display at the Conestoga Historical Society.

Michael McDonald discussed the possibility of the association reaching out to alum that may be in need of assistance. Those in attendance supported this suggestion. Michael will be contacting the high school social workers to see if they are aware of an alum the association can help.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on a motion by Fred Wilds, a second by Judy Duke and a unanimous voice vote of those in attendance.

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 5, 2011**  
**6:30 p.m.**