

Williamson Alumni Association meeting January 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Ryan Myers. Conducted were the Pledge to the flag and words of remembrance for our recently deceased alumni. Then self-introductions were conducted.

Minutes of the November 21st, 2019 meeting were made available for distribution and were approved.

Our guest speaker was Todd Zachary, EdD., Senior VP & Chief of Staff. He gave us a brief run down from the town Hall meeting last week for those who were not able to see it or were not able to attend the meeting and would entertain questions and concerns from the recent email stating that the school will be ending the Painting and Decorating Shop program as of 2022. Todd presented some of the highlights from the Town Hall Meeting which included the Alumni survey results which were given to a company called Spezil who performed an analyst of various colleges and how the trade programs fit in with the current income market. Afterwards Ryan asked if Todd could hang around so that those present could ask some questions after the meeting was officially adjourned. Most of the questions came from grads of the paint shop who in addition to the many questions that was asked concerning the schools' decision to end the program but also wanted to thank Mr. "T", Mr. Stevick, and others for their influence and dedication to them and how it affected their lives after graduation. The question and answer period lasted for approximately 45 minutes.

President's Report

School's Chief of Staff Todd Zachary gave us a detailed report of behalf of President Rounds who is currently out of town. In general, he defined the following. The school had hired a firm to perform an analysis in relation to the survey that was sent out back in 2018 and again in 2019 to use in assessing the current shops regarding income and criteria as it relates to each shop. In addition, the firm utilizes other various colleges for determining this assement and is still in process. The school is still working on a National Registrar to move Williamson into a historical status. New sidewalks were installed between the maintenance shop/newly renovated field and Restall.

President's Report- Ryan Myers stated that Feb. 6th is Founders Day and he will be giving his speech on behalf of the Alumni. Feb. 4th. There is an Alumni Happy Hour at the Kennett Brewing Co. Kennett Sq. Pa. and also Feb. 11th there is a planned Alumni networking Event at the Iron Hill, Media Pa.

Treasurer Phil Lock presented the following report. Life Membership Endowment is \$250,781.90.

Old business

Ryan Myers asked to change the "President's length of Term" to "Officers length of Term" and asked that the Bylaws Committee members investigate it further.

Bob McNabb asked President Ryan in regards to item #5 from the last meeting notes, if a letter had been drafted and/or sent out to the Senior Class parents and/or guardian (As done in the past) that a Life Time membership to the Association would be a nice gift that the student would appreciate in his later years. President Ryan said no it wasn't done and asked if anyone knew or had a sent out a letter from the past for him to send out. He said he would make sure that it gets done.

Bob McNabb asked if item #6 had been done regarding the officer's emails. Ryan stated yes and that it is at the bottom of the agenda.

Committees

Membership Chair - John Rex stated that he is planning on having a Beef & Beer and that this event will be sometime in February with the details forthcoming. Currently, Marty Jeffers and Mario Cetroni will be helping.

Golf Outing Chair - Marty Jeffers said he would like to keep the cost at \$125.00 per golfer even though the costs were increased by 3 dollars each. Marty stressed that the need of sponsors would help offset the costs going forward and will be having Carl put the Associations 501C number on the form for tax purposes.

Fund Raising Chair - Nothing to report

Senior Outing – Will be part of Accrued Interest Monies report

Student Academic Achievement Awards - John Rex said it will be at the Lamb Tavern. John asked if the school knows the Association's criteria and wanted to make sure it is being followed.

Alumnus of the Year chair - Nothing to report

Nomination Committee Chair - Ron Rinker said we need volunteers to serve as 2nd V.P.

Distinguished Alumnus Chair - Dan Flood reported that Robert Ditizio and Robert Berwager have been selected and will be officially notified.

Audit – Nothing to report

Accrued Interest Monies Committee was planning on using the 3700 dollars from last year's interest to have a pig roast for the seniors. Dan is working with the school to set the date. Will be in March before the Hort. class is dismissed.

There was no 50/50 this month.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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