

St. Pius X Alumni Association
Minutes March 10, 2021

-Meeting called to order 7:02 pm

-Prayer by Harry Cheatham

-Members in Attendance: - Members by zoom:

Harry Cheatham '64 Christy Stites '77

Diana Parker '01 Steve Stoll '65

Peggy Flanigan '91 Brian Westrich '76

Jim Lehn Andy Held '

-We have a quorum

-Approval of December Minutes

1st by Harry Cheatham 2nd by Andy Held

approved

-Approval of March Agenda

1st by Harry Cheatham 2nd by Christy Stites

approved

-Brian Westrich '76 has been approved for Vice President of the Alumni

Association -Treasurer Report is waived

-STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

-AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE

*Peggy Flanigan has tackled getting class reps for the classes. A letter was given out for updated emails and addresses.

*Car Show & Drive-In Trivia moved from May 1 to May15

Trivia will be held in the parking lot weather permitting. \$20 per person/8 to a table
Will try to have a radio frequency to be able to hear in the cars.

*t-shirts were approved for Seniors

*Melissa Hartmann, Events Coordinator is retiring May 12

-SPIRITUAL COMMITTEE

*No report

-PRESERVATION & HISTORY

*Announcement at the Gala of the induction of The Blood of Christ Sisters to the Hall of Fame.
Only 1 sister is still alive from the nuns from the first 4 years.

- *There are about 50 pages on Steve's computer. Things are moving slowly.
- *Fr. Knoell & Fr. Jercinovic still needs to be interviewed.

-VOLUNTEER & SERVICE COMMITTEE
No report

-4th Quarter Newsletter

- *We are now including parents of alumni
- *People without email addresses will get postcards for updated info.

-2021 Quarterly Meeting Schedule is 2nd Wednesday of June, September and December.
Zoom meetings can continue.

-Diana will send cards out to members to write congratulatory letters to Seniors.

NEW BUSINESS

-Rick & Norma Overberg have recently resigned from the Alumni Association. In a letter to the AA Board and Jim Lehn, they cited concerns about the safety implications of the school not strictly adhering to mask mandates, as established by the St. Louis Archdiocese and the Jefferson County Health Department.

-In the following discussion, several board members also expressed serious concern, not only about safety but also adverse publicity about a Post Dispatch photo and article of students attending a basketball game at St. Pius X with few if any wearing masks. Implicitly, the question was "How could the Administration allow this to happen?"

-Mr. Lehn noted that the School's infection safety protocol was reviewed and approved by the Archdiocese and the Jefferson County Health Department last August, and neither has contacted him about the current mask protocols at the school.

-Mr. Lehn acknowledged that the mask-less event at the basketball game was a concern, but he had not received any negative feedback from parents.

- Actually, masks are required at all times while students are in school, except when students are in a classroom, seated and socially distanced, and the teacher agrees they can remove their masks for the class.

-Mr. Lehn noted that the primary mission of St. Pius X is providing the best education possible, even if that means in-person class attendance. With regard to educational success at St. Pius, Mr. Lehn noted:

- *ACT scores & GPA are up even in this Covid year

- *There have been no cases of Covid in a month at school
- *24 events were held at school without observed infections
- *The mask requirements at St. Pius X seem to be effective.

-Steve Stoll remained concerned that current rules about masks could allow more infections.

-Jim Lehn noted that a letter was sent to the Archdiocese by Christy Stites citing concerns about the school's mask protocol, and that the letter was forwarded to him for handling. Jim stated that, despite the protests and controversy, he would maintain the existing mask protocol.

He said he was misquoted. He's not making excuses. Being here at school is not as bad as it looks. No one has stopped paying or pulled their students out of school.

All having expressed their views, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.-Meeting adjourned 8:10.