

WJMB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Approved Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 22, 2008
Niles Masonic Center, Niles, OH

The regular meeting of the WJMB Alumni Association was called to order at 2:05 on March 22, 2008 by Jim Cunningham. Note that the previous meeting date of March 8 had to be postponed due to a heavy winter storm.

Attendees:

Jim Cunningham
Russ Beatty
Steve Pasternak
Dan Davis
Wendy Mundell
Holly Ceci
Mike Ceci
Rebecca Neuman
Marcy Davis
Dick Walker
Sarah Winston

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.
The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

There was discussion amongst the group of the current band status. Jim and Wendy summarized the recent band board meeting that they had attended. Sarah Winston planned to send the current band schedule of events for email distribution to the alumni. The band has a newsletter that they'd like to send to alumni and would like to get mailing addresses. Alumni will be asked to if they would like the newsletter and then those mailing addresses will be shared. A link to the alumni website has been added to the band's website.

Discussion of Bylaws. A first draft of the Bylaws was written in February 2008 by Mike Ceci and distributed by email to all board members to review and critique (see attachment). Rebecca Neuman had written an email response to the first draft with concerns and read the letter into the minutes (see attached). Much discussion on the intention and purpose of the organization along with suggested corrections on wording, etc followed. A committee was then formed to work on the Bylaw document. The Bylaw Committee members are: Dan Davis, Rebecca Neuman, Holly Ceci, Jim Cunningham and Marcy Davis (as needed).

Filing of legal forms for the association has been put off until sufficient funds are available from member dues.

Russ Beatty requested that more alumni information be shared on the website. Wendy said she would send an email out to alumni to ask if they were interested in sharing additional information on the website.

Russ Beatty confirmed the picnic date of Saturday June 14th and said he would make sure the Fireman's Park in Poland was ready for the alumni group. He said there is a pavilion there along with ball fields and a parking area. He also gave specific directions on where the park is located and Wendy planned to add the information to the website.

The newsletter was discussed and it was planned that the newsletter would be published soon so it would be out for April/Spring 2008. The Newsletter Committee is currently working on the content. The initial newsletter is planned to be printed and sent out by mail, though it may not continue in a paper format and will likely only be published online (pdf) with an email notification to alumni due to printing/mailing costs. All newsletters should be available online though.

It was requested that a PayPal payment button be added to the website. Dan Davis said that the non-profit that he works with has used it and has not had any issues. Wendy said she would check into it further.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm by Jim Cunningham. The next meeting will be at 2:00 on May 10, 2008 at the same location.

Minutes submitted by: Wendy Mundell
Approved May 10, 2008