

Waggener Alumni Association Board Meeting October 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order: meeting was called to order at 6:07 by Dave Campbell. Members in attendance were Lori Brown, Dave Campbell, Kristen Heckel, Lyn Lage, Doug Madison, Lisa Marcellino, Wally Oyler, Butch Riley (phone), John Wells.
2. Review & approval of August minutes: Minutes were distributed. Doug Madison motioned to approve the minutes. Wally Oyler seconded his motion and the minutes are approved as they stand.
3. Treasurer report: Mike emailed the board members some updates saying we are in good shape. He moved our CD into a new one with 4.25%. All of our funds are categorized on a spreadsheet for access to any board member needing totals. Lisa reported she is squared away. We had more free people and money spent on plaques. Dave thought that was fine since it engaged alumni and creates interest in the association.
4. Hall of Fame review & newsletter update: Lisa thought the event was a success. We need to stick to time limits, highlighting memories. If large groups happen again, we will need to coach them on how to make their presentation appropriate for the ceremony. Big Spring is a great location but Lisa stated she is not sure we can afford it since we may have to pay according to their new policies. Lisa stated she enjoys the product but this was her last ceremony to chair. She is happy to walk anyone through it. The process should start by March 1. Lisa will send out the newsletter including the wrap up of the Hall of Fame once she gets the video from Tim Dench, which will be her last newsletter. Dave said he may be able to take on the newsletter because it goes along with the technology piece. She will give him the Constant Contact information and he may send it out at the end of October. He showed the updates on the website.
5. Memorial update: Dave shared an update on the possibility of the memorial being moved due to the turf field being installed. The main gate will remain. We may lose some of the roses and some of the undesignated bricks. Jamie Dumstorf, athletic director, said the construction company plans to erect a square box with some padding to keep the slate pillars still while there is large equipment in the area. John Wells expressed concern that the monuments will not be available for Memorial Day and Dave mentioned we should publicize that they will be unavailable for a brief time. Wally said we need to protect ourselves with an agreement from the contractor having insurance liability. Doug said we need to get all the documentation from JCPS. Lyn suggested one of the alumni association members be involved. John mentioned we may have to move

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the bricks to keep them safe from equipment. Also, John said we need to consider some of the electric work that is underground that we could access during construction to get some lights on the memorial. Dave said he can write a letter to Sarah Hitchings to express our concerns and ask to be part of the planning process.

6. Scholarship changes: Kristen mentioned that we talked about moving the timeframe of the scholarship submissions to earlier in the year to garner more interest. After discussing pros and cons, it was decided to move the timeframe to January 6 through 11:59 pm on February 1. At the February meeting we will select the scholarship winners, inform the students in a timely fashion, then award the check at Senior Awards Day.

7. President remarks: Jamie and Dave met with a third party fundraiser company. Dave referred to his email on advocacy. The purpose of his email was that he is seeing so much energy wanting to come into the school. There is talk of an endowment fund. In his big picture, our alumni will pour into the endowment and then dole out to projects that directly support the students and possibly facilities. We need the structures within our organization to support those things. He mentioned we don't need to collect the emails like the third party company does, but we need a system to have a more formal relationship with the staff. Lori explained the history of the endowment we received from Scott Davis and that we chose to use the money as we felt benefited the association. Butch expressed his concern with Jamie having input on our decisions. Doug asked if we could support projects that are worthy and divert working with him. Dave mentioned if we can get alumni excited about small projects we can build our association and in turn support the school.

8. Potential new board members: We do have two people interested but we need to have a recruitment to make the board more diverse representation of Waggener (backgrounds and ages). We need to speak more about them as well as collect resumes and personal statements in November. Dave has offered to be available on Mondays to help with archiving, development, etc. Voting had been done by proxy but a quorum had not yet been met. With Lori's vote for the two interested candidates placed at the meeting, Tom Frentz and Rob King will be added as board members as of the November 2024 meeting.

9. Yearbooks and alumni tshirts: Lyn reported we have many surplus yearbooks we have been selling for \$25 each. How can we communicate the reunions and tours to the association? Dave said he could use the website in tandem with the archiving work he has done to advertise selling the surplus. Lyn will sell alumni tshirts at alumni night this Friday 10/18. Dave will shop for the tailgate groceries.

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10. Open floor: Butch Riley announced he is stepping down from the board. He welcomed the fresh blood Dave and Doug have brought to the board. Thanks to the board members for all they've put into the board. We appreciate all Butch did to advance the scholarship committee.

11. Close of meeting: Motion to close the meeting was made by Lori. Lisa seconded the motion and the meeting was closed at 8:22pm.

Meetings for 2024: 11/11

Meetings for 2025: 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8, 10/13, 11, 10

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