

## **Waggener Alumni Association Board Meeting November 11, 2024 Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Dave Campbell. Members in attendance: Dave Campbell, John Wells, Cathy Duffy, Doug Madison, Mike Marquette, Mike Rogers (guest), Tom Frentz, Wally Oyler, Lori Brown, Kristen Heckel, Rob King, Sarah Hitchings (guest), Butch Riley (phone).

2. Review & approval of October minutes: Doug Madison motioned to approve the October minutes. Cathy Duffy seconded the motion and they were approved as is.

3. Dr. Sarah Hitchings: Dr. Hitchings gave a presentation to the board about the state of Waggener. She gave her background as an educator and leader and her goals for Waggener. Her two big ideas are career/college preparation and updates of the facilities. She explained our academy model and our NCAC model academies with the freshman academy being a model with distinction. She explained the structure of the school day, resources we have for students, ways students can be involved at school like Club Days. Dr. Hitchings informed the board about the College Now program, offering many dual credit classes for students through a wide variety of community resources. She explained the accountability model. She asked the alumni association to consider “sponsoring” the College Now program so no student has to pay for the dual credit classes, which is about \$94 per credit hour. Dave asked if there was room for mentoring the College Now students and Dr. Hitchings said she would like to resurrect it. John asked if we have supports for those going into the military and Hitchings said we do have active military representatives. Tom asked to explain where students come from and she explained our student assignment program and the limitations of transportation. Dave asked about the Veteran’s Memorial and how it will be affected by the new football field. She said she understands that it won’t be moved and its safety is a priority. Dave asked how we can connect with younger, more diverse grads to populate the board. Dave asked how we can revive the mentoring. She said to firm up the clientele we want to support. She suggested the sophomores as they are often overlooked and would focus on life skills. She said to contact Tyler Kordesich as he is the College Now coordinator. Dave highlighted some of this information on the website and how it will help develop the class coordinators.

4. Introduction of new board members: Tom Frentz and Rob King are two new board members. Tom said he keeps in touch with his classmates and he really appreciated Mr. Draut’s leadership. Rob had great memories and great respect for the school. He knows it is a different school than the one in the 60’s but he wants to help, specifically with the mentoring program.

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5. Vote to move board members to Emeritus status: Lori, Butch, and Wally are retiring from the board of directors. Dave explained the meaning of an Emeritus member, ones who can attend the meetings but do not have voting privileges. The group unanimously voted that the three members will be moved to Emeritus status for the WHSAA.

6. Treasurer report: Mike emailed the board members the treasurer report and reported that we have two outstanding CD's that are housing our scholarship money (\$40,000 and \$30,000). We got a \$5,000 check from the Horn Foundation. Dave Campbell informed us how he is working with the David Baker scholarship members to fund that scholarship. Mike will contact those who need acknowledgement for tax purposes. Mike Rogers said he uses his RMD account.

7. Open floor: Dave went through our committees. Alumni support is the one that set up the event at the football game. We will do it next year on a larger scale. Lyn has managed the alumni room and is working with Dave to organize the secure/browse/extra yearbooks. Cathy mentioned having an alumni table at each ballgame to sell gear, yearbooks, and distribute alumni information. Hall of Fame needs a new chair. Dave is going to send out a newsletter this month. Dave is forwarding us a NextDoor drone photo we can use. Lori reminded us we have some drone footage from 2020 we can use. Dave showed the Baker scholarship information on the website. He will connect with Hitchings on the items discussed tonight.

8. Close of meeting: Cathy motioned to close the meeting. Doug seconded the motion and the meeting was closed at 7:46 pm.

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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