

CLEVELAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for CHSAA Annual Meeting of January 17, 2015 Cleveland High School

Board Members in attendance:

Ben Wakefield, John Barton, Allen Storaasli, JoAnn Smith

Board Members excused: Helen Nicdoa, Phally Mom-Kelly

Potential Board members:

Sachi Yari-Doty, Kersti Muul, Bernie Moskowitz

Garfield Students and staff:

Melinda Mann (PTSA), Maddie Mann, Maddy Stanish, Samuel LeBlanc, Hank Halfateer, Naomi Halfaker (sp.)
Maggie Fisher

Guest Speaker:

George Breland Principal, Kristi McClelland (Forester and KC Dept. of Natural Resources)

The meeting was called to order by President Ben Wakefield at 10:05 AM.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of 2014 were approved.

Mr. Breland updated the group on programs and events at Cleveland. His job is to encourage academics. The STEM program is growing and the school has been acknowledged as most improved in the state in reading and math. There is a new test replacing the WASL called Smarter Balance. It is being met with approval by the school. The graduation rate has increased to 76%. He wants to make sure all students are prepared for a 4 year college and making sure they are aware of how their academics apply to the real world after graduation. Some programs involve and expanded program with the UW, Job Shadow programs and increased public/private partners.

Garfield High students gave a presentation and fielded questions on their use of the forest. This included hand-outs detailing their structure and objectives as well as their individual Fall Survival program layout within the forest. They run a Survival program several times a year that benefits about 1/3 of the school population. Costs for these programs are covered by the PTSA, fund raising and other contributions. If a student is unable to pay for the cost they may be sponsored. They have a gear shack to help those without the required gear.

Kristi McClelland related facts about the health of CHS Memorial Forest. It was clear cut when first purchased and now alders proliferate which brings salmon berries which make it impossible for long term trees to be produced. She also offered to help create a forest health plan. More community need to be involved in order to maintain the health of the forest. She suggested we form a committee to tackle this issue.

John Barton reported on the thefts at the forest. All the bronze plaques, two benches that were donated by the class of 1954 were stolen. The sign at the roadside is also gone, likely from a rotted post. John has been trying to get permission to erect another sign, this one with the correct signage "Cleveland High School Memorial Forest". The SSD is being difficult on this matter.

Ben noted some accomplishments for 2014 which included the \$8,100 raised at the golf tournament, funding for athletics which included the banners for all sport championships now on display in the gym. Also the \$14,000 given in scholarships. JoAnn noted that we had 386 individual donors in 2014.

LYCEUM

Ben has been working on rebuilding the lyceum at CHS Memorial Forest for about 3 years, off and on. The City of Snoqualmie has approved everything we need. A person in the risk management position at SSD did not have enough knowledge to help us push things through. There seems to be an issue with insurance. The contractor of the lyceum needs to provide proof of insurance.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Allen Storaasli

Allen presented graphs showing our financial status.

As of 12/31/2014 balances:

Checking -	\$23,289
Edward Jones	\$90,322

Scholarship Fund	
Jones	\$67,366

2014 Income for specific purposes

Mailing	\$ 2,884
General Fund	\$14,730
Athletics	\$ 2,644
Memorial Forest	\$ 3,645
Scholarships	\$ 3,878
SEF	\$ 1,490
Landon Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,310
Total for 2014	\$31,581

BOARD ELECTIONS

Ben Wakefield '62 Position 4 was re-elected.

Sachi Yari-Doty '89 – Position 12

Kersti Muul '91 – Position 5

Bernie Moskowitz '57 – Position 7

were elected as new members.

All positions are for two years.