

# **Cleveland High School Alumni Association**

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## **CHSAA Annual Meeting Zoom Information**

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**Saturday, February 12, 2022 @ 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**

### **CHSAA Board In Attendance**

Bernie Moskowitz '57, John R. Barton '54, Mary Lou (Zarkades) Barton '54, Trena Burns Walker '75, Jae Ahn (Chung) Nakahara '86, Allen Storaasli '62, Nicole R. Washington '80.

### **CHSAA Board Excused Absence**

Tracy Case Arnold '82, Myra Shukis '68 and M.L. Shukis '54.

### **CHS Alumni Community In Attendance**

Alison Sing '64, Bonnie Steever-Catton '60, JoAnn (Victor) Smith '56, Bonnie Cehovet '66, Richard Korpela '61, Janice Dahl Steppe '66, Valerie Yerkes, Stephanie (Cowan) Olivero '71, Warren Shukis '56, Rodney Tibbs '77, Lynn Coney '53, Mary Ann Bosnich McCord '57.

### **Call to Order**

The Cleveland High School Annual meeting for 2022 was called to order by President, Bernie Moskowitz '57, at 10:05 AM. Bernie thanked everyone for attending the Annual meeting.

Bernie Moskowitz, Chairperson introduced Sariah Myron, a Student Stenographer at Green River Community College. She will be recording our minutes for the Annual and Board Meetings.

### **Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Nicole Washington '80, Secretary reported due to the Covid-19 Pandemic an annual meeting was not held in 2021.

- The CHSAA Board members were sent the 2020 Annual meeting minutes for their review.
- The January 2020 Annual meeting minutes were moved and approved with no further objection or corrections. The motion carried and passed.
- Alison Sing '64, suggested "for Marni Reecer, Website Webmaster to place a copy of the approved Meeting Minutes on the CHSAA Website for viewing."

**Treasurer Report**

Trena Burns Walker '75 reported:

**Current Balances**

Year End	Checking	Jones General	Jones SEF	Total	PayPal
End 2018	50,500	61,600	63,900	176,000	
End 2019	61,900	37,000	60,000	158,181	
End 2020	77,260	44,643	73,795	195,698	
<b>End 2021</b>	<b>53,589</b>	<b>46,039</b>	<b>75,557</b>	<b>175,185</b>	<b>7,871</b>

- See attached documents for balances and trends from 2018 to 2021.
- Balance in the checking account at the end of December 2021: \$53,589.
- CHSAA donated \$35,000 for scholarships in 2021.
  - ❖ Total for everything in 2021: \$58,459.12

**2021 Accomplishments**

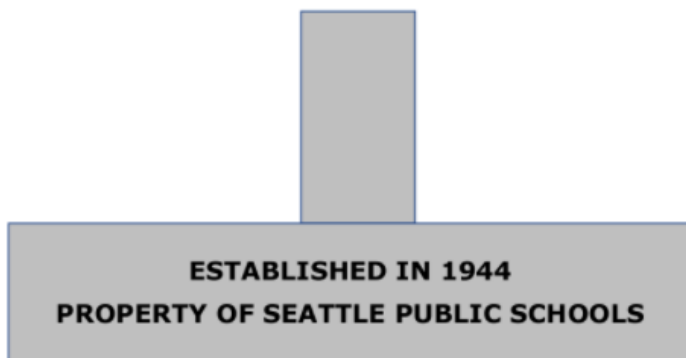
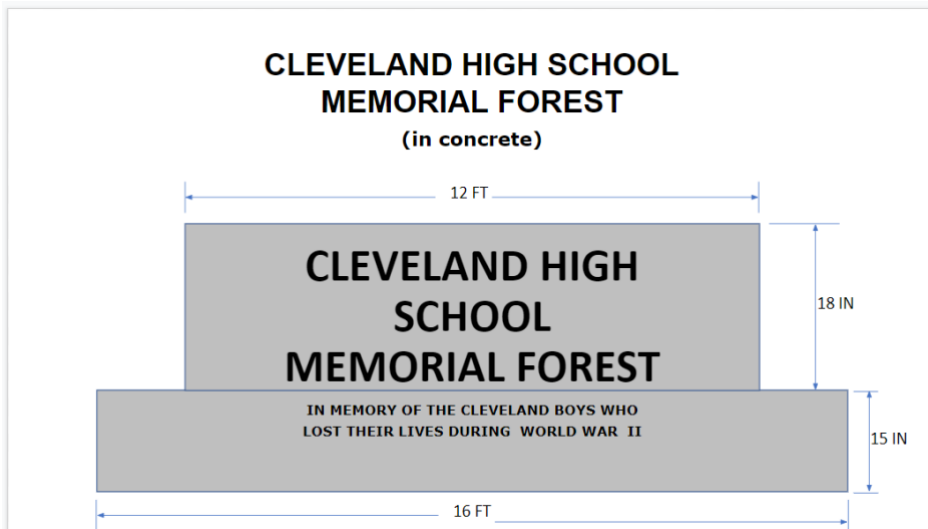
**Cleveland High School Memorial Forest**

John Barton '54 reported:

- Convinced Seattle Public Schools (SPS) to sell development rights to the CHS Memorial Forest to King County Parks Depart (KCPD):
  - ❖ SPS retains ownership of the property
  - ❖ SPS collects \$3.47 million from KCPD
  - ❖ Easement placed on the property to restrict development
  - ❖ The property has been added to the KCPD forest conservation plan
  - ❖ CHS alumni can rest assured, the property is protected
- CHSAA and SPS signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for CHSAA’s use of Forest, including:
  - ❖ CHSAA allowed providing a new concrete sign:
    - “**The Cleveland High School Memorial Forest**” and **Property of Seattle Public Schools**”
  - ❖ SPS will consider rebuilding the existing lyceum
    - \$120,000 to \$150,000
  - ❖ CHSAA and SPS will consider a feasibility study for managing the CHS Memorial Forest
    - Featuring selective harvesting and replanting

In summary, the CHSAA Board convinced the Seattle School Board to sell the development rights of the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest to the King County Parks. The big benefits out of this are Seattle Public Schools retains ownership of the property. They collect \$3.47 million from King County Parks Department and the location of the property can never be developed by the future current owner, Seattle Public Schools for any future owner.

The reason King County Parks agreed to this is because they get to add the property to their Forest Conservation Program and the Cleveland Alumni can rest assured that the property is protected forever! Another big accomplishment for us with regards to the forest was signing a “Memorandum of Understanding” between the Alumni Association Board and the Seattle Public School Board; with that agreement, we are allowed to put up a sign at the roadside naming the Forest as Cleveland High School Memorial Forest.” For years, the Seattle Public School Board called it the Cleveland Memorial Forest which does not give proper recognition of Cleveland or the Alumni. The sign will say the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest, dedicated to the Cleveland HS boys who gave their lives during World War II and would state it is the property of the Seattle Public Schools. In the “Memorandum of Understanding,” they are going to consider rebuilding the Lyceum which was burned down by arson several years back. Prior to the recent inflation, the rebuild cost for the Lyceum was estimated to be \$120,000 to \$150,000 and they would take that out of the \$3.47 million that they were getting from the King County Parks Department. The other task is to work on a feasibility study with the Seattle Public Schools to produce a Forest Conservation Plan which would feature selective harvesting of the forest and replanting. In recent years, Cleveland HS has had no activity or events.



Bernie shared “that he would like to “THANK” John for his work commitment and the tremendous amount of time and effort he has dedicated to working on the CHS Memorial Forest. Also, if anyone knows a person who does Architectural Concrete work, please let John know.”

### **CHSAA Website**

Marni Reecer, CHS Webmaster finished the re-design of the CHSAA Website. We encourage our Alumni to visit to see the updates. Also, there is a link from the website to a NEW CHSAA Facebook page, which is worth looking through!

Janice Dahl Steppe '66 added, “the website is wonderful, user-friendly and to thank Marni for her diligent work!”

### **Voting Results by CHSAA Board**

John Barton reported the Board requests were voted on by the CHSAA board during 2021. All 2021 “Accomplishment” documents will be placed on the CHSAA Alumni website:

- **ANNUALS**: We voted **YES** to purchase Aquila annuals for needy students (\$1,500).
- **CAPS & GOWNS**: We voted **YES** to purchase caps & gowns for needy students (\$500).
- **WARM-UPS**: We voted **YES** to purchase warm-ups for the Boys and Girls Basketball teams (\$2,230).
- **HARDCOVERS**: We voted **YES** to honor Pat (Sullivan) Rosenkranz '49 by purchasing hardcovers for six of her books, HONORED DEAD (the story of CHS's World War II Gold Star Men). These books were distributed to her family members, a close friend, the CHS Landon Library, and the Seattle Public Library (\$250).
- **ROSES**: We voted **YES** to purchase a bouquet of flowers for Fely Regan who retired in 2021. She worked in the CHS office for decades. She was always helpful in coordinating CHSAA activities with the school (\$96).
- **WELCOME HOME BANNERS**: We were asked to purchase banners welcoming students back to school following the COVID shutdown. This motion passed with one **NO** vote, but Bernie Moskowitz and John Barton decided not to follow through after learning that the banners were to be flown with other banners having a political message. CHSAA accepts donations from alumni from both sides of the political spectrum and we cannot be involved in any action that may be construed to favor one side of a political issue or demonstration.

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### Election of Board Members

Bernie Moskowitz shared:

- The Board is looking to fill two or three vacancies.
- Board members are chosen by the voting process or by volunteering.
- Board members serve a two-year term, with a total of a maximum of eight meetings throughout that time. Meetings occur three or four times a year. Meetings are currently being held through Zoom. The Board is not allowed to meet at Cleveland HS due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Current meetings will continue to be held on Zoom. Although there is a discussion of having combined in-person and Zoom meetings in the future.
- Alison shared, “that planning for the meetings needs to start at least a couple weeks in advance to make sure that documents are available on the website so that people can read ahead and provide input at meetings. Also, place an article in the CHSAA Website requesting two to three volunteers for Board vacancies.”
- Bernie stated, “due to the lack of volunteers to run for board positions, we will table the nominations at this time and place advertisements in the CHSAA website and in the Newsletter.” The CHSAA Board will accept any interested volunteer nominations during 2022.

### 2022 Objectives

Bernie Moskowitz & John Barton reported:

- **Need for a Newsletter Editor:** Bernie shared, “John Barton has done an excellent job, probably the best we've ever had on the Newsletter!
  - ❖ Seeking someone to take on the role of Newsletter Editor.
  - ❖ Those who contribute the most are from the classes of the 40s, 50s and 60s, who tend to prefer USPS mail over electronic communication.
  - ❖ Whenever the print newsletter comes out, donations increase tremendously.
  - ❖ John did the job for 11+ years and will help whoever volunteers for this position.
  - ❖ John has been talking with Marni about hiring someone to do the newsletter. They would do a trial with one newsletter, so Marni can better predict future costs.
  - ❖ JoAnn Victor Smith '56 asked, “can we afford to hire someone to do the CHSAA Newsletter?” John responded, “We have been talking to Marni about it. What would be included in the newsletter to help her develop it. We want to do a “Trial” copy and we need to agree on a price limit, ahead of time that she would devote to it. We do not want someone to make a lot of effort and give us a bill for, as an example, \$20,000. We want to establish a price limit ahead of time and then do a trial run for (1) Newsletter. If the trial run goes well, we will be able to better predict the costs of producing future newsletters.”
- Memorial Day Ceremony: We would like to have a Ceremony at the Memorial Forest this year, if allowed.
- Janice Dahl Steppe '66, “added I like the Zoom meeting! I can attend because I live outside of Seattle. It gives more Alumni the opportunity to attend this meeting, so this is great. Also, there are three of us from the class of '66 online, Yahoo!! Let us get the word out; and a zoom meeting is more efficient, thank you!!”

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- Continue scholarship donations. Value to be determined at the board meeting.
- Share information on the Alumni Website and Facebook.
- Quicker distribution of meeting minutes: We have a new note-taker, Siarah, who is a Stenography student at Green River College. The goal is for meeting minutes to go out to all Board members within 2 weeks from the date of the meeting.

### **CHS Alumni Scholarship Fund**

JoAnn (Victor) Smith '56 & Jae Ahn (Chung) Nakahara '86 reported:

- In 2021, there were 17 applicants, 11 winners, plus one from last year. Allocated \$35,000, with prizes ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000.
- \$239,000 awarded in scholarships, to date.
- The 2022 scholarships will post on the CHSAA Website.
- Looking for another member to join the Scholarship Committee. Currently, there are five members.
- The Committee is going to be getting together to implement changes to how they make selections.
- JoAnn will send write-ups on the scholarship winners and their pictures to Marni. Then, placed on the website and in the next newsletter.
- Jae Ahn added, "in 2021 we had a substantial number of applicants, and our goals were to meet the needs of our CHS students. It was genuinely nice to read their profile and get to know the students through the application process. Also, we had great candidates and they are superb as you will come to know from their profiles in the upcoming Newsletter.

### **Cleveland HS Memorial Forest**

John Barton & Bernie Moskowitz reported:

- Memorial Forest Sign: Seeking help from Board members and looking for someone who does concrete or architectural support work.
- Buildings for Seminars in Memorial Forest: Bernie would like to find out what Seattle is doing with their surplus portables to get premade into strong buildings and have them placed out there.

## **New Business**

### **Alumni Archives**

Bernie Moskowitz reported:

- Mr. Breland, the principal, said that we were going to get a room for the alumni archives. There would need to be a printer in there, so that if somebody needed something out of one of the annuals, they could make a copy. Alumni would volunteer to staff the archive room.
- Bernie suggested getting a hold of the former teacher (Ms. Teresa Scribner) who was doing the yearbooks.
- Janice suggested that there may be a student or recent Alumni who could do it.

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- There is a message on the website that we are looking for an editor. One person had responded to it, but when Trena reached out to her, she did not hear back.
- Nicole suggested putting the Newsletter Editor job description on Facebook, and on the various social media, as well.
- Alison pointed out that we need to solicit articles from others, and the Board can then decide what to publish. The editor would then refine the stories.
- JoAnn added "if we have the CHSAA Board to review incoming articles to be published, it will slow down the approval process."
- If you know someone who is interested in taking on the newsletter, please contact John.

### **Outreach to Recent Alumni**

- Jae Ahn is planning to use Snapchat and Instagram to reach the younger classes. CHSAA also has a Facebook page which Jae Ahn and Marni managed.
- Jae Ahn is seeking another person to help with this and ask a delegate from each decade to help post announcements and updates. I think there should be more campaigning in terms of getting that word out to our population. Also, populating our Snapchat and Instagram with articles and information, as well.
- Nicole mentioned that Franklin has a page for each class year, with a "Focal" (or spokesperson) for each class. We could find out who each focal is, and make sure the information is getting to that class.
- Stephanie (Cowan) Olivero '71 has volunteered to work with Jae Ahn in communicating on Social Media. Allen shared "I would also encourage Stephanie to join and start getting our Board's e-mail and meeting minutes."
- Janice shared "I just appreciate everything that's going on. I am still friends with about eight of us now from my class. I just appreciate all the energy that's in this group today."
- Alison suggested when different class reunions have their own Facebook pages, it would be nice for them to link it to the main CHSAA Website page, so that people can get the message.

### **CHS 100<sup>th</sup> Years Anniversary Celebration**

The school's "One Hundred" years celebration will be in 2027, that's five years from now. Requesting ideas for the event will be in the Newsletter.

### **CHSAA 25<sup>th</sup> Years Anniversary Celebration**

- This year, the Alumni Board is celebrating its 25-Years Anniversary.
- We want to celebrate as the Board, and we also want to celebrate with Cleveland High School. Bernie would like to get somebody spearheading this event.
- Alison suggested putting out an online challenge for Alumni to give a one-time donation of \$25.00. The goal would be to get a competition going by challenging the classes, to see which class could raise the most money.
- A discussion took place regarding tracking the money by decades versus individual classes.
- Trena commented that doing it by decades is easier for the Treasurer.

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- Jae Ahn agreed to contact Stephanie to discuss ways for her to get involved with the CHSAA Board.
- A motion was made that CHSAA would do a one-time \$25.00 challenge for the Board's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The motion was tabled and will review at the CHSAA Board meeting.

Bernie ended the meeting by saying "good active meeting. Nicole, thank you very much for setting up the meeting, very well done! Siarah, thank you for taking the notes! Everyone here that gave their input, **WOW** I love meetings where people have a lot of positive energy. It was a good meeting!"

### **Good of the Order**

Meeting Adjourned @ 11:50 AM

Meeting Duration: 1:45:23

Humbly Submitted,

*Nicole R. Washington*

CHSAA Board Secretary