

**Elk County Catholic High School Alumni Association**  
**Minutes of the Spring Business Meeting**  
**October 22, 2024 Meeting**

The Elk County Catholic High School Alumni Association held its annual Spring Business Meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building conference room.

The following were in attendance:

<b>President:</b>	Becky Schatz	2000
<b>Vice President:</b>	Samantha Smith	2011
<b>Secretary / Treasurer:</b>	Kelly Ehrensberger Breindel	1989
<b>Director of Advancement:</b>	Franchesca Stubber Herzing	2005
<b>Marketing and Communications Coordinator:</b>	Jessica VanAlstine Fritz	1996
<b>Other alumni present include:</b>	None	

**I. Opening Prayer / Introductions**

President Becky Schatz opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. with the reading of the Alumni Prayer.

**II. Review of Minutes / Correspondence**

The minutes from the Spring Business Meeting held May 14, 2024 were reviewed. Jessica Fritz made a motion to approve the Spring Business Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Becky Schatz and the minutes were approved.

No Correspondence.

Becky may have someone interested in actively participating in alumni activities.

**III. Advancement Office Remarks**

Comments included in discussion topics.

**IV. Topics of Discussion**

The 2024 Fall Spirit Night was not held. Future Fall Spirit Nights could be considered as part of the homecoming event or another night as a tailgate before a soccer game. Discussion to be continued at the May 2025 meeting.

The 2024 Golden Grads event was held on Sunday, October 6, 2024. A discussion followed regarding the details of the event.

Mary Meyer and others expressed concern at the declining attendance numbers. Potential changes were discussed. Possibly follow up with Mary Meyer.

Areas for future discussion --- caterer / type of meal, other priests.

Discussion followed with agreement on payments for Fr. Kevin (\$50) and Veronica Chicola (\$175).

## **V. Upcoming Events**

The 2024 Share Your Career Day will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2024. Wee J Fernan and John Schneider will coordinate the event. Speakers from many professions, including trades, are expected.

The 2025 Winter Spirit Night was discussed and January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> were determined to be the best date options for the event. Date availability will be discussed with Aaron Straub and Gunners. The frisbee game will be played. Only a few prizes are needed so the usuals will be asked, but no need to ask others.

The 2025 Alumni Pinning will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. Jessica will check the pin inventory. Blankets will be ordered for the students. We need to communicate to the students that the blankets are gifts for the students themselves, not the pinners. A previous suggestion was made to give rosaries handmade by the students to the pinners as a 'thank you' that would be more meaningful (and less costly) than previous gifts, but no decision was made.

## **VI. New Business**

The Alumni Room was discussed. A writeup about the room and Midge Fritz's involvement was drafted and previously reviewed. A consultation with Marsan O'Leary regarding the layouts and displays of the alumni materials for the room will be scheduled in the future. Work will continue on the alumni materials to display. [A timeline display was previously discussed and at a past meeting a type of "History of Catholic Education" theme was suggested to be reflected in the pictures and memorabilia.] A bookcase was also donated for the display.

Alumni Officer positions were also discussed and the alumni officer term lengths were questioned. This will need reviewed in the bylaws.

The Bylaw Review was also discussed. A workshop should be held in the future to review the current bylaws and draft any proposed bylaw changes / updates. It was suggested that holding Alumni Work sessions to address alumni info, the bylaws, and other items in between the 2 regular meetings would be beneficial to increase the Association's effectiveness. A February / March workshop would be ideal and should be conducted.

With regards to Other Alumni Plans and Events, a discussion about holding "Paint and Sips" was held. Further discussion will be held after Spirit Night.

It was determined that an Alumni Reunion E-mail for all Anniversary Classes could be developed and sent each year.

Updating the class representatives and identifying active alumni were also noted as areas of opportunity that may help improve alumni participation.

No further discussion / action from the ECC Reunion Event possibility initially brought up from Devin Brock and Jim Hackett.

## **VII. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The Spring 2025 Alumni Association Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the administration conference room.

The meeting was concluded at approximately 8:50pm after completing the Our Father prayer.