

**Elk County Catholic High School Alumni Association  
Minutes of the Spring Business Meeting  
May 13, 2025 Meeting**

The Elk County Catholic High School Alumni Association held its annual Spring Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 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</b>		
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Jessica VanAlstine Fritz	1996
<b>Other alumni present include:</b>	Mary Pat Frey Dornish	1989
	Devin Brock	1981

**I. Opening Prayer / Introductions**

President Becky Schatz opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. with the reading of the Alumni Prayer. Introductions followed.

**II. Review of Minutes / Correspondence**

The minutes from the Fall Business Meeting held October 22, 2024 were reviewed. Mary Pat Dornish made a motion to approve the Fall Business Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Franchesca Herzing and the minutes were approved.

Correspondence – None.

**III. Advancement Office Remarks**

Comments included in discussion topics.

**IV. Topics of Discussion**

The 2025 Share Your Career Day was held on Thursday, December 19, 2024. Several speakers were present at the event. The format may change slightly in the future as the feedback provided indicated that 30 minutes was not long enough and that all high school students should attend rather than just juniors and seniors. Speakers are selected based on interest expressed by students.

The 2025 Winter Spirit Night was held on Friday, February 7, 2025. See the 2025 Winter Spirit Night Report. Favorable comments were made about the event, but attendance was low due to bad weather, illness, and a big PSU Wrestling event. The event cost \$150 after 50/50 proceeds and donations were received. Overall, no major changes were discussed or recommended.

## **V. Upcoming Events**

The 2025 Alumni Pinning will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 6pm. Pins and blankets are ready and will be distributed at the senior's graduation practice on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. It was discussed again that we need to communicate to the students that the blankets are gifts for the students themselves, not the pinners. Jessica will get the reunion packet and list of names to Becky for her speech.

The 2025 Golden Grads event will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2025. A discussion regarding the details of the event was held with focus primarily on the caterer and portion size. The Village Peddler will be contacted again, but dinner options as well as sandwich options will be explored. Fr. Kevin should be contacted for the Mass also. We expect the Class of 1975 to have a big turnout this fall. We will further discuss once price quotes / estimates are received.

A discussion with Devin Brock was held on an alumni event that could occur in conjunction with the Athletic Association's summer golf tournament. Devin suggested forming a committee to develop the event with the inaugural event occurring July 2026. The class representatives would need to be contacted from the anniversary classes to coordinate and hopefully draw more alumni in to participate in the event. The Advancement office could assist with the marketing and class lists as well as the alumni reunion emails and website.

The 2025 Fall Spirit Night will be further discussed and potentially planned once the Homecoming date is determined.

## **VI. Other Business**

Under Other Business, the Alumni Room was discussed. Mary Pat Dornish will lead the completion of the Alumni Room. A writeup for a plaque for the room about Midge Fritz's involvement was drafted and previously reviewed. Marsan O'Leary is willing to assist with the layout and alumni material displays for the room. A meeting will be scheduled in the future over the summer. 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.]

Alumni Officer positions were also discussed and the alumni officer term lengths were questioned. This will need reviewed in the bylaws. It is crucial to get others involved. Work updating the class representatives needs to be done.

The Bylaw Review was also discussed and it was noted that a workshop should be held in the future over the summer to review the current bylaws and draft any proposed bylaw changes / updates. Kelly Breindel will coordinate this review.

No other alumni plans or events were discussed.

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

The Fall 2025 Alumni Association Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the administration conference room.

The meeting was concluded with an Our Father as the Closing Prayer at approximately 8:53pm.

Mary Pat Dornish made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jessica Fritz seconded the motion.