

## **121st Addison Alumni Banquet**

The 121<sup>st</sup> Addison Alumni Banquet was held June 14, 2025 in the Addison High School/Middle School Cafetorium. 81 people were in attendance.

The Social Hour began at 4:00 PM and guests began being seated at 5:50. At 6:00 PM, Mike Herman, class of 1965 and emcee for the evening, welcomed the guests. Mike led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, mentioning the fact that the American flag hanging on the stage was made and donated by Margaret Muck Ruoff, class of 1948. Mike also recognized all Veterans in attendance.

Scott Salow, Addison Community Schools' new superintendent, was introduced. Mr. Salow stated that he was very happy to be at Addison and he felt that this district was a "gold mine" and he can't wait to see what the next few years bring.

After Mr. Sallow's brief pep talk (he left right away due to illness), Mike reminded attendees that the minutes and treasurer's reports from last year's meeting were on their tables, and the list of attendees and other info and memorabilia was on display in the hall way.

Pastor Joe Masinick, from the Addison Congregational Church, was introduced and he gave the invocation

At 6:05, Mike introduced Mr. Bill Ferris, class of 1969, who provided the dinner music with several beautiful selections on the trombone as a delicious meal, prepared by the Addison School's food staff, was enjoyed by all.

As the meal was wrapping up and people were socializing, group and individual photos were taken in front of the Panther Screen.

At 7:00 PM, Mike introduced treasurer George Clark, class of 1970, who read the names of those who have died since our last banquet (23 alumni and 1 staff member) and a moment of silence was held in their honor.

This year, the 1975 and the 2000 graduating classes were honored. No one from the class of 2000 was there, but Kim Ferris Weatherwax and Cynthia Bowman Binns were there to represent their 1975 class. They reminded us of many things such as the Wayne Gray Elementary (no longer standing), the mobile units, the seemingly 100-foot-tall slides on the playground that were always hot, sixth grade safety patrol, winning the "LCAA All Sports Trophy," and the dedication of Bellinger Field. They also shared humorous anecdotes such as jealousies over each other's nap rugs in kindergarten, teacher's notes stapled to their clothes in elementary, and note passing techniques learned in high school. On Friday, May 30, 1975 with a storm raging out side and leaky roofs inside, the 106 students of the class of 1975 held their graduation ceremonies. Sadly, they have lost 18 classmates since that time and their names were read to honor their memories.

Mike's class of 1965 was well represented at the banquet and they also shared a few memories, the most well remembered being the Palm Sunday tornado on April 11, 1965, right before they graduated.

## BUSINESS MEETING

At 7:25 PM, the official meeting of the alumni association was called to order by president Kathy Bolenbaugh Clark, class of 1970. She thanked Mr. Sallow, Jodean Barker and the food service staff, the custodians, Pastor Joe, Mike, and Bill for their help in making the banquet a success. The following business was taken care of:

### Secretary's Report – (Sue Brown McClung)

As there were no corrections or additions to the minutes from the floor, Cindy Raymond made a motion, seconded by Kim Isaacson, to accept the minutes as presented. Passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report – (George Clark)

Lissa Webster made a motion, seconded by Fred Halliwell, to accept the treasurer's report. Passed unanimously.

### Election of Officers –

Mike Herman made a motion to keep the current slate of officers for another year: President Kathy Clark, Vice President Holly Franke Terrill, Treasurer George Clark, and secretary Sue Brown McClung. Claire Halliwell seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

At 7:45 PM, Paulette Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kim Edison seconded it. Passed unanimously.

The evening concluded with all joining together in the singing of the school fight song and Pastor Joe giving the benediction.

Respectfully Submitted by



Sue Brown McClung

### Financial Update:

Ending Balance on 12/31/24	=	\$1650.21
Current Balance	=	\$2872.25 (Before Banquet Expenses)