



**Wicomico High School Alumni Association
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2026**

Alumni President Paul Butler called the meeting of the Wi Hi Alumni Association to order on Sunday February 22, 2026 at 7:10 P.M. via scheduled Zoom Meeting. The Meeting began with Close Session Executive Meeting. There were 5 persons in attendance.

Attendance at Executive Meeting: President: Paul Butler (80), Vice President: Gwen Niblett (84), Treasurer: Monica Butler (77), Secretary: Starr Purnell (79) and Administrator: Gerald Waters (75)

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Starr Purnell to accept Agenda submitted with flexibility. 2nd by Gwen Niblett. Motion Carried

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Gwen Niblett motion to accept previous meeting minutes as prepared and submitted. 2nd by Gerald Waters. Motion Carried

Others in Attendance: Joining After Executive Meeting: None (Note: Vaughn Adams was on prior to Executive Meeting but dropped off)

Old: Business:

1. Membership: Benefits for Lifetime Membership:

- a. Gerald Waters stated he had asked the board for recommendation but didn't receive any. Gerald recommended maybe the lifetime members could recommend names for Gala with final approval from Board. Paul Butler stated he has a list that need updating but think it's a good ideal to allow them to make recommendations. Board agreed. Gerald Waters made a motion to allow the Lifetime Members to be able to make recommendations for Gala Honorees. 2nd by Monica Butler. Motion carried.

b. **Other Benefit of Lifetime Membership:**

Suggestions were discussed on other ways to recognize our Lifetime Members. Paul Butler suggested during some research and bring back to future meeting. Gerald Waters recommend to rediscuss at next meeting.

2. **2026 Alumni Gala Update:** Monica Butler reported that we start thinking of the 5 Honorees and getting the list out to Lifetime Members to get their recommendation. She stated the menu and prices will be available at next meeting to look at and decide on what we want. Monica stated once menu is confirmed, order must be placed and 50% of cost in by June. She stated only half the cost will need to be paid (Based on the count given to Civic Center when booking was done).
3. **Alumni Hall of Fame (HOF):** Paul Butler reported that the deposit for Hall of Fame board was sent off. He stated there was great donations sent in. John Robinsons donated \$2000, Pohanka Alum Member donated \$500 and several members donated \$100 each and a \$900 donation from an alum in Florida (who wants no recognition). Paul showed a sample of Hall of Fame sample at Salisbury University. John Robinson has graciously his services to create and donate our board. Gwen Niblett inquire about could anyone make donations for maintenance and upkeep and answer was yes. Motion made by Monica Butler that the \$2000 for Hall of Fame Board be deposit. 2nd by Gwen Niblett. Motion Carried. Gerald Waters made a motion that whatever is due for balance of HOF Board be paid. 2nd by Monica Butler. Motion Carried.
4. **2026 Bowling Event Update:** Paul Butler announced \$120.00 so far has been turned in for 1 Team and he anticipates 2 more plus the Class of 1980 will have a team. Starr Purnell reported she has 3 teams so far that want to participate but don't want to use zeffy. Starr stated that bowling alley will be getting \$10 per person and Alumni will get \$20 per person. Starr also mentioned doing a "Sponsor a Lane" where businesses or individuals can make a donation (Suggested \$50.00) and a Sponsor by sign will be at end of the lane. Monica Butler inquired about trophies and advertising at Bowling Alley. Starr stated that flyers and registration forms were taken to Pocomoke Bowling Alley and that trophies will be provided again by an anonymous donor. Starr stated that the trophies will be ordered from Robinsons who supports the Alumni but this give the Alumni the opportunity to support Robinson.

New Business:

- 1. Approve 2026 Annual Budget:** Gerald Waters discussed the proposed budget that was distributed thru email. He stated it's only a draft as any figures can change. Gerald mention that the Touch Tone Digital (Monthly) should be just once per year, he added the Brick R Us and the \$100 per 2026 Gala Honoree (which is \$500.00). Gwen Niblett made a motion to approve 2026 Budget Draft, 2nd by Monica Butler. Motion Carried.

Financial Report Balances: Gerald Waters report there's a little over \$9000 in our account and a scheduled payment of \$1120.00 will be deposit on 2/23/2026.

Official Board Meeting was completed at 07:31 P.M. and Regular Meeting began. Paul Butler checked for those waiting. Vaughn Adams was waiting but was no longer on. Starr Purnell voiced her concerns on having people waiting in the waiting room while the executive meeting is going on. She suggested that Board may want to come on early (approx. 6:40pm) so that those wishing to join in the regular scheduled meeting can.

Announcements:

Paul Butler mentioned that deadline for bowling event is March 7, 2026. He stated we need to push for teams because we only have about 5 or 6 teams. He will email flyer/registration to those needing them.

Paul Butler announced there will be a meeting on March 8, 2026 at 7:00PM to discuss Bowling Event.

There being no further business to come before the meeting Paul Butler adjourned the meeting at 07:42 P.M. to reopen **March 22, 2026** at 6:40P.M. for Executive Meeting and Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. by Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Starr Purnell

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(Secretary)

Minutes Approved on Date: _____ Motioned made by: _____

2nd by: _____