

NHSAA Meeting
April 4, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:08 by Mary Lou McDowell.

Attending: John Barba, Don Shackleton, Gail Maclary Chickersky, Mary Lou Thomas McDowell, Pat Walker Mroz, Debbie Lindell, Sally Pinto Krapf, Margie Mayer Masino

Minutes – October 5, 2015 minutes approved with correction to scholarship memo on Treasurer’s report. Motion by Don, seconded by Gail, passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

Newark High School AA PNC				
10.23.2015 balance		\$	12,173.08	
Purchase decals	\$	(109.95)		check 101
All Classes Reunion proceeds	\$	2,155.00		
Contribution Anne Groo	\$	50.00		
Ending Balance 3.19.2016		\$	14,268.13	
Dedicated Scholarship Funds:				
66-67-68 Class Scholarship			\$	6,120.00
Unrestricted funds			\$	8,148.13

Treasurer’s report approved as submitted. Motion by Sally, second by Deb, passed.

Committee Reports:

Beach Bunch (Kay Lindell) - the Beach Bunch still is existing, and meets three times each year. Our attendance runs between 60-75 plus.

Unfortunately we have lost some of our wonderful friends who were members of long standing...Lennie Nelson passed away just this month, and Ellen Gallaher Thorp passed away late last year. Of course Johnny (Emo) Edmanson passed away last year and Jim Seydell is gone along with Pat Hall Colbert...and the list goes on...we are contacted by new members for each event, and hopefully their age alone will allow us to continue our events with a productive result for more years to come.

Our attendance varies somewhat because of the failing health of some of our members, but they still keep coming to see us, canes, wheelchairs and all!! What an honor for us!! Jake's has been our stalwart partner for all these years and continues to honor our planning wishes each time without fail. Some of their wait staff are getting to know some of our friends from over the years and look forward to seeing them.

I am honored to have been involved for so many years with so many wonderful people, people I would have not had occasion to meet again after all these years or people I really never knew in high school because of our different interests and ages!! What a hoot!! I only wish I could come to the BIG party in Newark one of these days to fraternize with some of my friends who don't come to Rehoboth. I believe my class of 1957 is better represented in Rehoboth than in Newark...maybe it's because I push them!! Most of our class of 1957 were core members of the Beach Bunch and carry that honor well. Thank you for all the good work you are doing on our behalf in Newark!! It speaks well for the school in general and for our wonderful faithful friends!! Final lunch of the spring is scheduled for May 19th.

All Class Reunion (Pat Mroz) – **SPRING REUNION 2016** recap – Despite the windy conditions, we had a decent turnout for our reunion. The class of 1978 was again the most well-represented, with 17 members of their class attending. The earliest attending class was 1956 and the latest was four "kids" from the class of 2010! The total attendance was 130 plus probably a few more that did not sign in.

After paying the Deer Park \$908.60 (we ordered an extra tray of chicken fingers and cheese, ham, pepperoni during the evening), we cleared \$526.43. We had \$511.43 in cash plus a \$15 check. We sold several decals at the registration table. We perhaps sold more decals or someone donated to our fund? We ended up with around \$120 more than what is accounted for! And if some people paid but did not sign in, that accounts for some of the surplus.

Not sure if the Wine and Dine had any impact on our attendance, but it did seem like we had a lot of people come upstairs that were not actually coming to the reunion. And also some that were coming to the reunion. I think some were from the Wine and Dine and some that were coming after 8:00 were coming to see the band which was starting at 9:00. It did not seem super-crowded at any time so much that you couldn't walk around, so that is a good thing!

FALL REUNION 2015 – We had over 300 people in attendance!
After paying NCC \$1500 we have \$2150 for our scholarship funds!

2016 Fall All Class Reunion will be on Saturday, November 26th – Newark Country Club charged us a ridiculously discounted price since it was an unknown entity. They told us at the end of the night that next year's cost would be higher. **SHOULD WE RAISE THE PRICE OF FALL REUNION TO \$15??**

SPRING REUNION 2017 -

Next year's Spring All Class Reunion will be 3/25/17

Someone had suggested some kind of summer All Class Reunion. This was suggested by one of the senior alums who isn't in the area for the fall/spring events. Any thoughts on trying something like that? Maybe a Beach Bunch North type event with a luncheon rather than "party" environment?

Walk of Fame (Sally Krapf/Margie Mayer) - Proposal to meet sometime after this semester is over to beautify the Walk of Fame.

Website (Deb Lindell) – Nothing new to report. Have not found another set of tools to use for Windows 10. Received one article. Can still use old tools while my old computer holds out.

Social Media (Mary Lou) - Continue to update Facebook, Twitter, and alumni page on NHS website as needed.

I have authorized Don on Facebook page to enable him to add photos. As of 3/28 we had 5675 "likes" on Facebook page.

Have added recent posts to generate interest in the All Class Reunion, license plates, and reminding them to follow us on Twitter, stating that we will live tweet from the reunion. I think the promotion of the Coach Simpson event generated the great turn out at the Fall Reunion.

License Plates (Gail C) - No activity on license plates. People talk about but follow through is weak!

Scholarships (Gail R) - The Scholarship Committee meets on April 12th, with 3 new members (Yvonne Miles, Denise Schwartz and Leora Hansa) to review 11 great candidates for the NHS Alumni awards and the Bedingfield Spirit Award. Four of the applicants for the NHS scholarship also applied for the Bedingfield and one applied only for that award, so a nice mix.

The packages (95 pages!) are in the mail today (3/28) and the choices will be tough. That is a good outcome of advertising and activity in the Guidance Office.

More to come after the selection. If a presenter for the Awards Assembly in early May doesn't volunteer in the meeting, I'll be back to you for someone from the Alumni Board.

2016 Community Day (Gail C) - Looking at registering for Community Day buddying up with the Historical Society again. Worked out great last year! DONE

New Night Newark - 6/11/16 4-9pm. Registration \$200. As we have previously discussed, we'll sit out this event.

Website Sponsors (Gail C) – Gail has contacted some folks and shared her letter with the board. Fingers crossed checks start coming in! One check from Rose Walker received; money to treasury and new business card to Deb Lindell.

IRS 990 Report (Gail C) - Gail completed filing April 13, 2016.

Class Box Project – the wind down (Gail C.)

By next annual meeting we should be looking at the Class Box inventory and making a plan to contact a class member(s) with news of their treasures on an annual basis. Figure that folks are planning 2006 reunions now, by October 2007 will be in the wings. We began the project with the class of 2008 and continued it through the class of 2012 – there are five classes to contact as their 10th anniversaries approach.

***October Officers Election** (Mary Lou) - Positions which expire are President (ML), VP (Deb), Recording Secretary (Yvonne), Treasurer (John B), 2 Board positions (Lillian, Don) - all are 3 year positions.

Yvonne, who is planning a move to Florida, will be unable to continue as secretary; Gail Chickersky will accept the position. All other officers and board members with expiring terms agreed to continue.

Board Members:

President: Mary Lou Thomas McDowell '80 (2016)

Vice President: Deb Lindell '77 (2016)

Recording Secretary: Gail Maclary Chickersky '67 new appointment

Treasurer: John Barba '69 (2016)

Board Members (Term Expires)

Lillian Todd Green '85 (2016) Don Shackleton '75 (2016)

Margie Masino '67 (2017) Denise Levering '72 (2017)

Mike Dutton '67 (2018) Pat Walker Mroz '68 (2018)

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Chickersky