

NHS Alumni Association Meeting

February 23, 2009

The meeting was held at the home of Gail Chickersky and was called to order at 7:10 P.M.

In attendance: Gail Chickersky, Kathy Keogh, Sally Krapf, Kay Lutz, Deb Lindell, Jay Mahanna, Nancy Mahanna, Pat Mroz

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was shared with the committee. It was approved and accepted. Our Ending Bank Balance is \$6,624.31. We have \$4,599.95 earmarked for scholarships. Our Ending Operating Cash Balance is \$2,024.36. Deb is requesting a reimbursement of \$107.40 for her work on the website. She will contact Treasurer Julie Mee regarding this.

Old Business:

Website advertising (Jay): Jay is still following up with people about having their business ads placed on our website for a fee of \$100. Deb moved the ads around to different spots to create a new look. Lauren Kermode is now featured on the front page.

Website news (Deb): Sue Menz had some Music Department announcements. An announcement was made for the joint Reunion for the classes of 1969 and 1970 – it will be June 26 and 27. Deb and Jean are still waiting for alums to give them any of their stories that they would be willing to share on the website!

Reunion inquiries (Gail): Gail had heard from a Class of 1964 contact. The Class of 1999 apparently has no plans for a Reunion.

Holiday Homecoming (Sally): After some investigating into various locations and dates, Sally determined that our best bet is to have the get-together at the Deer Park on Saturday, November 28 - 2 days after Thanksgiving, from 5:00-9:00 P.M. We would collect \$5 at the door, with no advance reservations as in the past 2 years. We would not have a juke box; if people want to dance or listen to music, they can stay until the band comes on at 9:00.

NHS Yellowjackets e-mail group promotion: Harvey is working on this. We have around 40 members on this site.

Promotion of apparel items: Lauren reported that she put a test auction for our golf shirts on E-bay for 10 days, including sizes, measurements, and photos. There were only 8 hits during that time and no sales. She will try again with the hoodies. Sally will ask Lauren to put a shirt on Craig's List – maybe we will have better luck.

Newark Nite (Gail): Gail agreed to be in charge of our Alumni Table again this year. We will sign up for shifts at a later date. She informed us that the University of Delaware will be having some events around the same time as Newark Nite - June 6. This could possibly attract more people to our table.

Scholarships: Gail Russell reported that the forms are ready at school and via Parent Newsletter thru Mary Lou. The deadline for applying is March 18.

New Business:

NHS Athletic Council Meeting (Sally): Sally attended the meeting at the NHS Library where Brian Corey, Assistant Athletic Director, presided. He spoke about the upcoming fundraiser June 15 - a golf outing to be held at the Newark Country Club. Refer to Sally's e-mail dated Feb. 9 for more details. Brad Lane will be our liaison for the Council. The Alumni Association could perhaps support the Golf Tournament in some manner.

Alumni Night at the Blue Rocks: The High School Alumni Night for local high school alums will be Thursday, July 30. Jim has been in touch with Stefani who is coordinating the event. She has been working on the flyer, order form, and 2 ticket specials. There are also 2 contests which sound like fun! See Jim's Feb. e-mails for more details.

Wall of Fame: Mary Lou had been in touch with Brian Whitehead and Susan McNulty. We will find out more when Rick Gwinn comes to one of our spring meetings.

Trophies: They are still in Gail's basement. Mary Lou e-mailed photos of them to Deb, who is working on a page to display them on the website.

Faculty Lunches (Kay): Kay told us that retired NHS faculty meet for lunch once a month. They will meet Thursday, Feb. 26. Deb will post this on the website.

Our next meeting will be at Gail Chickersky's on Monday, April 6 at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Walker Mroz