

NHS Alumni Association Meeting

November 24, 2008

The meeting was held at the home of Kathy Keogh and was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by President Gail Chickersky.

In attendance: Gail Chickersky, Jim Cox, Kathy Keogh, Sally Krapf, Brad Lane, Kay Lutz, Jay Mahanna, Nancy Mahanna, Mary Lou McDowell, Julie Mee, Pat Mroz

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

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the Treasurer's Report for Oct./Nov. were distributed by Julie Mee. It was approved and accepted. Our Ending Bank Balance is \$6,233.51. We have \$5,099.95 earmarked for scholarships. Our Ending Operating Cash Balance is \$1,133.56.

The person who has the Lloyd Ross Scholarship needs to claim it. Gail will get Harvey to check on it. Julie put our entries from our Checkbook (Income and Expenses) on an Excel spreadsheet. She will talk to our Controller, Kay Brackbill, about it.

Old Business:

Website advertisers (Jay): We have 10 sponsors on our website (www.nhsalumni.org). Gail, Harvey Maclary, and Frank Mayer paid for them for one year. DayStar Sills does not pay because they installed the bricks at the High School. Jay will try and collect the \$100 each from the others and will also try to look for additional sponsors. Jim wanted to know how we can get people to advertise on our website. Mary Lou said that she has Facebook connections and has had responses for the Holiday Homecoming through it. We could possibly advertise for our website on it. Nancy said that we could pass the word along to Jean to state that contributions to the Alumni Association are tax-deductible. Kay knows a bartender at Blackstone's that could help get the word out about us.

Website news (Gail): Jean Toman and Deb Lindell will be glad to put any news on our website if we will pass it along to them.

NHS Yellowjacket Group (Gail): People in that large group can find out what is going on regarding The Alumni Association.

Mass phone messages (Mary Lou): There was some discussion as to whether Principal Curt Bedford might be able to send out mass phone messages to the alumni regarding upcoming functions. It was decided, however, that this would not work due to privacy issues.

NHS Clothing (Gail): A lot of clothing is being sold to alumni of the older classes. How can we raise more money for our Treasury?

Bricks (Sally): Not a lot of bricks are being sold.

Happy Holiday Homecoming: Flyers for the party on Dec. 27 were distributed among the people present at the meeting for us to spread around town to people we know who can then also spread the word. Gail gave some to John Mayer who will distribute them in Suburban Plaza. Mary Lou will find out if she can put a blurb on the Christina School District website. Kathy will post on her neighborhood website. Sally will distribute to grocery stores in Elkton.

Jay and Jim suggested that there might be an easier way to make reservations and to choose the payment method for the party on our Carpe Diem website. Gail will ask Mike Dutton, our Webmaster for the Carpe Diem website, about this.

For the night of the party, Gail and Jay will be in charge of name tags. Sally and Jim will be at the Registration Desk. Brad and Pat will be selecting songs from the juke box. We will have some samples of NHS clothing but will not bring all styles and sizes with us that evening. It was not decided whether or not we will have the large Yellowjacket wreath at the party.

Upcoming Reunions (Gail): Would members of the Alumni Asso. Board want to work at upcoming reunions of other classes? There will be some coming up in June. It's a good way to connect with older and younger NHS alumni!

Beach Bunch (Gail): Around 60 alumni and guests showed up for the October luncheon in Rehoboth. The next gathering will be on Dec. 3 at Jake's on Hwy. 1. Gail will take some NHS clothing with her. There might be a possibility that Jake's would consider advertising on our website.

New Business:

Gail: We are always looking for ways to strengthen our Alumni Association. It would be nice if we could get back to the Mentoring Program, which Harvey was in charge of. It seems like we would have plenty of alumni to speak - for instance, Jack Markell and Lauren Wilson. Also, when Frank Hagen was the Principal, there was a Wall of Fame. Kathy expressed interest in reinstating this. Peggy Morrissey might have some input. Mary Lou stated that Ronnie Williamson had said that there was no big deal made at the Homecoming football game about the returning alumni. Perhaps we should be recognized!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Walker Mroz

Our next meeting will be at Gail's house on Monday, Jan. 26, 2009