

NHS Alumni Association Meeting

January 26, 2009

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

In attendance: Gail Chickersky, Jim Cox, Lauren Kermode, Sally Krapf, Harvey Maclary, 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 January were distributed by Julie. It was approved and accepted. Our Ending Bank Balance is \$6,974.31. We have \$5,099.95 earmarked for scholarships. Our Ending Operating Cash balance is \$1,874.36.

The Lloyd Ross Scholarship has not yet been given out to David Mulrooney. Harvey will follow up on this.

Old Business:

Website advertising (Jay): Jay got in touch with several people –Bob Cronin, Tom Krapf, Frank Mayer, John Mayer, Tom Shumusic, Mark Sisk, Rose Walker – to see if they would be interested in placing an ad on our website. He will be removing Daystar Sills. Lauren wondered if we could randomly place ads in different spots on the website.

Holiday Homecoming (Gail): Everyone who attended had a good time! We were, however, \$165.70 in the hole. There was some discussion about changing the date and the location to perhaps the Saturday after Thanksgiving or the week before Christmas? Or how about the day after Thanksgiving at the DeerPark? Or another Friday night at the DeerPark? Sally and Lauren agreed to co-chair this event.

Inventory of sale items (Gail): How can we improve sales? A suggestion from Deb Lindell: we could use PayPal. Lauren suggested that we try to sell on ebay – graduates from all over the country could see our items – you can't get our stuff anywhere else. We have golf shirts, baseball shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, hats, pins, and license plates. Sally agreed to handle shipping and mailing.

NHSYellowjackets website: How can we better utilize this e-mail group? How can we make people more aware of this website? Harvey will be in charge of this. He wondered if we should start an Alumni page on Facebook? Perhaps it would help when it came to organizing Reunions. Mary Lou filled us in on some of the features of Facebook. Lauren pointed out that a lot of people might not be aware that they are always welcome at our monthly Alumni Association meetings.

Website News (Gail): News is always welcome! Pass it along to Jean Toman at jean411@msn.com or Deb Lindell at dklindell@zoominternet.net.

New Business:

Newark Nite (Gail): We need a couple of volunteers to head this up. Then several more alums can sign up to work different shifts that evening. This year it is on Saturday, June 6. It is a good opportunity to run into people that you might not have seen for a while that don't come to the reunions!

Coordinator for Class Contacts (Gail): What kind of support should the Alumni Association give the Contacts? What would be the responsibilities of the Contacts? We also need a Coordinator for Reunion Assistance. Perhaps the previous Scholarship recipients would be interested!

Alumni Night at the Wilmington Blue Rocks: Jim Cox will get in touch with Stefani Rash regarding this event. See Jim's and Stefani's e-mails dated Jan.27, 28, and 29. The selected date is July 30.

NHS Athletic Council: Approach from Brian Corey regarding a golf outing June 15 – Sally will follow up on this. See Sally's e-mail dated Jan. 27.

Wall of Fame (Harvey): During the 1990's, a Wall of Fame was established to honor distinguished alumni. Rick Gwinn, who created it, will meet with us in the spring. For more information and musings, refer to Gail's e-mail dated Jan. 12. We need someone to follow up further on this. Mary Lou will contact Brian Whitehead.

Our next meeting will be at Gail's on Monday, Feb. 23 at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Walker Mroz