

NHS Alumni Association Meeting

December 7, 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, Steve Kutz, Brad Lane, Kay Lutz, Harvey Maclary, Jay Mahanna, Nancy Mahanna, Mary Lou McDowell, Julie Mee, Pat Mroz, Anne Munyan, Gail Russell

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the last minute were approved and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: We had a license plate sale and income from the Holiday party at the Deer Park, which included 199 attendees, hat sales, and contributions. Our ending Operating Cash Balance is \$3,343.06. The report was approved and accepted. A \$65 check from Oct. 2008 has not been cashed and will therefore be credited to our treasury.

Old Business:

Holiday Homecoming: It was a great success! Thank you to Sally Pinto Krapf for organizing the event. We made over \$500, including admission, hat sales and contributions. General feedback was "same time, same place, next year." Several classes had reunions in town this same weekend. We had a lot of networking and communication about the event on Facebook, which Mary Lou handled. This date seemed to work out for more people than our date over Christmas the past 2 years, so we will stick with it. The number of people attending exceeded our expectations! As far as another (larger) location, it would possibly cost us money to rent another place. We decided to have our gathering at the Deer Park again next year, with the possibility of moving to a larger location the following year if well-attended next year. As far as the hours of the event, we considered starting an hour or two earlier.

Scholarships (Gail Russell): Gail is looking for a new person for the 5-member committee and said that she has a possible new member and will get back to us.

Display Case (Mary Lou): It is by the front entrance of the high school. The yearbook theme for 2010 is "10". Different comparisons are being made between 1910 and 2010 – the Buzz, the yearbook, the Prom, graduation announcements. Eleven people graduated in 1910! Books and other materials of Lynn Eastburns' grandmother are included in the display case. Principal Kurt Bedford is very enthusiastic about the whole idea of the display case. We will carry it on beyond the 2010 graduation date until the end of 2010.

Facebook (Mary Lou): NHS now has 1788 members! It definitely helped spread the word for our Holiday Homecoming at the Deer Park.

Beach Bunch (Gail): The Beach Bunch is meeting this week. Seventy-four people are expected to attend.

Bricks (Gail): There has not been much activity. One more brick is due to go in.

Class Memorabilia Box (Mary Lou): Mary Lou brought the Class of 2009 box with her to our meeting. It will be stored at Gail's for the time being. The box will be opened at their first class reunion.

Website (Deb Lindell): Deb is still maintaining and updating the website. She communicated by e-mail that she suggests we leave the website and its associated e-mail accounts the way they are. Maintaining the relationship with HostMySite (now Hosting.com) allows us to continue with our 24x7 tech support. Deb will donate the cost of last year and this year as a contribution to the NHSAA. Deb and Kay have been discussing a combination Wall of Fame and "Where are they now" feature and are looking for already-prepared content for it.

NHS Athletic Council (Brad): The next meeting will be Dec. 14. According to an article in the News Journal, a group of NHS athletes met recently to begin organizing the Yellowjacket Athletes. The group's goal will be to unify and strengthen the sports program at Newark by striving to promote sportmanship at all levels. Athletic Director Steve Bastianelli says the group has the potential to make a significant impact on the NHS athletic program. Assistant Athletic Director Brian Corey and a group of NHS athletes, boosters, and alumni spent a week painting the East gym – it is black and white with yellow accents and, thanks to Alan Smith, has two 6-foot Yellowjacket logos.

New Business:

Class Reunion Funds (Harvey): Harvey drafted a policy and disclosure agreement for depositing class reunion funds. This is for Reunion Class Committees who wish to deposit excess funds from class events with the Association to be used for future class events. The policy and deposit receipt contract were approved and adopted.

NHS Apparel and Trophies (Gail): We have sold enough apparel and need to consolidate what's left. We will keep the hats. We gave pins away at the Deer Park Holiday gathering. Trophies are collecting dust in Gail's basement. Should we get rid of them? Brad will check with the Athletic Association to see if they are interested. Kay will ask Paul Pomeroy if he is interested in them for use in the schools.

Our next meeting will be in January – date and place to be determined.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Walker Mroz