

NHS Alumni Association Meeting

January 21, 2010

The meeting was held at the Deer Park and was called to order at 7:15 P.M.

In attendance: Gail Chickersky, Kathy Keogh, Sally Krapf, Steve Kutz, Brad Lane, Kay Lutz, Harvey Maclary, Mary Lou McDowell, Julie Mee, Pat Mroz

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

Treasurer's Report: We had income from Brick Sales, a Class of '71 donation, and shirt sales. Our Ending Operating Cash Balance is \$3,397.06. The report was approved and accepted.

Old Business:

Scholarships (Gail Russell): The Scholarship Committee now consists of Gail Hutchison Russell ('70), Nancy Maclary Raihall ('70), Robert McAlpine ('54), Monika Schirm Dougherty ('78), and Gail Kauffman Gore Meucci ('55). The application forms have been updated and distributed to the school. Debbie Briggs in the guidance Office continues as our contact this year, has the forms, and continues to sound optimistic about applicant interest in this economy. A combined form will also appear in the Jan./Feb. parent newsletter, thanks to Mary Lou. A blurb will be published in the local newspapers.

Bricks (Sally): Two new bricks will be donated, thanks to Peggy Morrissey and the Class of '67. They will contain the names of Richie Bowman and Betty Lou Carrow. They will be installed in July or August.

Wall of Fame (Deb): Work is progressing on a Wall of Fame page for the website. Deb has interviewed the Governor and is reviewing the prior contents. She is looking for nominations of who else should be included. She will forward a link to the planned updates when she has put them together. Deb has received articles from Gail and Kay Lindell on NHS's influence on the local music community. There is no further info on transferring the maintenance of the website to anyone else.

Beach Bunch (Gail): The Beach Bunch, which now has over 70 people, meets 4 times a year at Jake's on Rte. 1 in Rehoboth. The next meeting will be March 11.

NHS Athletic Council (Brad): The next meeting will be Monday, January 25.

Class Reunion Liaison (Gail): Mary Neaves Britt, class of '89, will meet with Gail and be ready to assume this role by June.

Face Book (Mary Lou): NHS now has 2021 members! Mary Lou included some PTA matters on it. She is thinking about tweeting some current students about joining. The students are having trouble raising money for the after-prom event. Mary Lou will try and help them out through some postings.

Trophies (Steve): Steve found a new home for the old trophies that were in Gail's basement – he took them to the Boys and Girls Club.

Display Case (Mary Lou): The display case looks wonderful! Lynn Eastburn liked what was done with her grandmother's things. Mary Lou will keep adding to the display case. Principal Kurt Bedford would like to keep the case on display until the fall. It could then become part of the Newark Historical Society. Mary Lou will post more information on Face Book.

NHS Apparel (Gail): We still have some NHS apparel. We will try to sell it at Newark Nite in June. Brad raised the question if we could take it to the school store? Or possibly to local stores in Newark?

Blue Rocks Game (Gail): We could invite the alumni that were at the game to our next meeting. We received a free suite for a night at a game in the spring from our attendance and school spirit at the game last July! Brad will take over for Jim Cox as coordinator of the event.

New Business:

Newark Historical Society (Sally): Butch Simpson will speak at the next meeting which is January 28.

Relay for Life (Gail): Gail heard from Rosemary George Steve that Newark High School will be hosting the Relay for Life Event in mid May - it is the American Cancer Society's signature event to raise money and awareness for breast cancer. It involves staying overnight in a tent and also has games, activities, food, etc. People will be walking the track next to the ball field all night long. Is there any interest from the Alumni Association or anyone else in forming a team and participating in the event?

Nominating Committee (Gail): We need to be thinking ahead into the future for adding new blood to our group! Kathy will be working on a nominating committee to bring in new members and to eventually nominate new officers for our board, which will be elected in October.

Our next meeting will be held at The Deer Park on Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Walker Mroz