

Valley Stream South High School Alumni Association, Inc.
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Minutes

May 13, 2010

OUR LAST MEETING WILL BE AN END-OF-YEAR DINNER ON JUNE 17!

President Emily Kleinman Schreiber called tonight's meeting of the Valley Stream South High School Alumni Association (in the library at South High) to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present at the meeting: Roberta Brill Birnel, Karen Grimm, Terry Gunderson Kaiser, Linda Tobin Kettering, Arlene Ainbinder Lynn, Edie Mandel, Claire Brush Reinhardt, Ray Richford, Emily Kleinman Schreiber, Dennis Shapiro, Eric Spinner, and Irene Sundal.

Regrets were received from Eileen Howell.

Principal's Report: Miss Henry was unable to attend the meeting but relayed the following information.

- Service Week was a great success: walk for Hewlett House, carnival, senior center, work for homeless, senior citizen dinner. Ronald McDonald House.
- Thanks and congratulations to all who participated!

President's Report:

- The *Alumni Association BULLETIN* was sent out via e-mail to 1500 people. Some were returned by the Cyber PostMaster. Some people change e-mail addresses without notifying us.
- Go to Face Book & search for the South Alumni page for reunion info & other messages from South HS alumni.

Minutes:

- A motion to accept the minutes was made by Claire Brush Reinhardt and seconded by Arlene Ainbinder Lynn and they were so voted.
- Reminder: Our minutes are posted on our website <<http://www.vsshs-alumni.org>> after approval by members at the subsequent meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Dennis Shapiro presented the Treasurer's report, which is on file. There are several new members.
- A tax form for the government was filed.

Scholarship Committee:

- We were informed that Jeremy Cortez and Christine Sicwaten were the two seniors who will be awarded our scholarships on Wednesday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m. in South Hall. Emily will be there to present the awards.

School Culture Committee:

- Although it was agreed in March that we would donate money to the Committee for the production of T-shirts, we were never informed in time as to how much money they needed. Therefore, unfortunately, the donation was not made.

Old Business:

- Eric Spinner said that there is nothing new to report about our website. We hope all members log on from time to time.
- Thank you, Eric, for your dedication to maintaining this site for the Association.
- Eric also informed us of his new e-mail address:<ericmaven@gmail.com>

New Business:

• Alumni Award:

In the past, nominations for the South High School Alumni Award have been submitted to the school Principal and District Superintendent. After they selected the winner, the award was presented at the school during an assembly at which time the recipient spoke to the students.

It was suggested that the winner should be a member of the Alumni Association.

It was also suggested that we form a committee to search for a nominee to suggest to the school, and that we present the award. Irene Sundal, Claire Brush Reinhardt, and Karen Grimm agreed to form this committee.

- Em nominated Arlene Ainbinder Lynn for the office of Vice-President to replace Paul DeMartino. Terry Gunderson Kaiser seconded the nomination.
- Arlene has accepted the position. Congratulations, Arlene!
- We decided to have a dinner party in lieu of our June 10 meeting. The dinner will be at Pancho's in Island Park on Thursday, June 17.

Events:

- Our "annual" Booker Gibson Night at the Irish Coffee Pub was held on May 5, 2010. We had a wonderful time, as usual. Our table was happy to have Booker eating dessert with us and we enjoyed chatting with him.
- We discussed planning a party for Booker's birthday this October 20. The Bordeaux Wine Bar in Rockville Centre was suggested as a site. Terry will look into this for us.
- On Wednesday, June 9th, South High's Awards will be presented starting at 7:30 p.m. in South Hall. Linda Kettering will present the Class of '65s Booker Gibson & Vince Tampio Scholarships, & Emily will present the Alumni Association's two scholarships.
- South's Pre-prom party will be held at South on June 24 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome. The Association has donated gift certificates for iTunes and Bed, Bath and Beyond to be given to graduates. Thanks to Terry Gunderson Kaiser for making the purchases for us.
- Edie Mandel suggested that the Alumni Association name should be on the gift certificates we donate.
- On Wednesday, August 4th, Valley Stream South Alumni Night at the park (see above.) The rain date is Monday, August 9th.

Upcoming reunions:

- Class of 1968's 42nd is being planned for July 31, 2010 (8:00-12:00) at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Plainview.
Fran Chertoff Miness is the class contact -- fminess@optonline.net
- Class of 1965 is planning a reunion for July 16th, 17th, and 18th at the Hyatt Regency Wind Watch, Hauppauge.
Contact Rich Eisbrouch at reunionclass65@aol.com.
- Class of 1960's 50th has not yet been planned. Please contact Gail Fenton Silverman gsilver3@optonline.net Richard Zappa guyzap@aol.com and if you're interested. They're hoping for a good response.

Check for reunion updates in the *Alumni Association BULLETIN*.

Send any information regarding reunions to Eric Spinner ericmaven@gmail.com to be posted on our website <<http://www.vsshs-alumni.org>> and to Emily <cre8em@aol.com> for inclusion in the *Alumni Association Bulletin*.

MEETINGS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR: Our last meeting this year is a dinner party on June 17th (See above!) ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Grimm and seconded by Edie Mandel. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Brill Birnel