

Valley Stream South High School Alumni Association, Inc.  
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Minutes

January 8, 2009

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 12 AT 7:15**

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 7:20 p.m.

The following members were present at the meeting: Roberta Brill Birnel, Paul DeMartino, Booker T. Gibson, Karen Grimm, Terry Gunderson Kaiser, Arlene Ainbinder Lynn, Edie Mandel, Ray Richford, Emily Kleinman Schreiber, Dennis Shapiro, and Eric Spinner. Also attending tonight's meeting was Martha Carney, the Valley Stream Central High School District Public Information Officer. Ms. Carney creates "The Observer," which includes a column that covers Alumni news. She was kind enough to hand deliver copies of "The Observer" to members present at tonight's meeting.

Regrets were received from Eileen Howell, Irwin Kotcher, Enid Koss Parness, and Claire Brush Reinhardt.

Minutes:

- The minutes were corrected – the reunion of the Class of 1964 will be held in October 2009, not September.
- A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Eric Spinner and seconded by Terry Gunderson Kaiser and they were so voted.

Reminder: Our minutes are posted on our website <<http://www.vsshs-alumni.org>> after approval by members.

Treasurer's Report:

- Dennis Shapiro presented the Treasurer's report, which is on file.
- For those who are already members and have not yet sent in their dues for this year, please do so as soon as possible. Remember that a lifetime membership is \$100 and checks are tax-deductible.
- Edie Mandel suggested that we have application forms at reunions and that we should solicit donations for scholarships.

Scholarship Committee:

- The deadline for the submission of applications by students is March 31, 2009.
- We are working towards placing an announcement of our scholarship award in the PTA Newsletter and in the Guidance Office.
- It was also decided that we would send an email to members asking for contributions for our scholarships for 2010.
- We will check into making sure the Parents' Club is aware of the scholarship. Roberta Brill Birnel will look into having the scholarship application printed in the *Southern Bell*.

Acts of Kindness:

- Emily read a letter of thanks from Sister Margie Kelly of the Parish Outreach program of Holy Name of Mary for the Association's donations. Once again, thank you to Irene Sundal and Eileen Howell for taking care of this for us.
- An article about our Act of Kindness has appeared in the *Valley Stream Herald* and will appear in *The Observer*.

### New/Old Business:

- Modifications have been made to our application form, including the fact that all dues/donations are tax exempt as per 501(C)(3). You can also check off your desire to be an officer or trustee.
- A donor form has been added to our web site.
- Our tax-exempt status and form are complete. We will soon get information from the New York State Charities Bureau.
- In order to avoid problems of releasing mailing list information to reunion planners, it was suggested that there should be a check-off box on the application for people who don't want us to pass on their data. Edie Mandel suggested it would be better to send out a message from the planner to the group. NOTE: Emily has been doing that.
- Emily Kleinman Schreiber talked about other schools' membership fees in the district.
  - North High: 1 year \$15 individual; \$20 couple
  - 2 year \$25 individual; \$35 couple
  - Lifetime \$150 individual; \$250 couple

### Events:

- South High's Career Day is set for March 24, 2009; from 7:45 – 10:15 a.m. Please let Emily know if you would like to participate.
- A Health Fair, which will bridge activities between departments, is planned for next spring.
- Upcoming reunions: Class of 1964 – October 2009; Class of 1959 – Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the Knights of Columbus in Oceanside.
- February 7 – A reunion of Class of 1966 at Duffy's Sports Grill in Boca Raton is open to all.
- Class of 1984 at the Hyatt Regency Wind Watch Golf Club. Email Nancy Russo-Rumore for details.
- Send any information regarding reunions to Eric Spinner <[eSpinne@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:eSpinne@schools.nyc.gov)> to be posted on our website <<http://www.vsshs-alumni.org>> and to Emily for inclusion in the Alumni Association's *Bulletin*.

When Principal Maureen Henry joined the meeting, she added the following information:

- There will be a fundraiser scheduled for January 25 at Governor's Comedy Club. It was planned by the Parents' Club as part of their Bravo Program.
- The contact person for the Parents' Club for scholarship publicity is Mr. Rich DiAngeles, and for the PTSA, it's Helene Harris.
- The contact for the *Southern Bell* is <[panvim@vschsd.org](mailto:panvim@vschsd.org)>.
- South will hold a Wellness Fair on January 25 from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. In the afternoon, there will be a show and dinner for Senior Citizens.
- On February 4: there will be a "Battle of the Bands" for St. Baldrich's children cancer fund.
- The Character Action Team's school charity for the year is Hewlett House.
- March 29 kicks off Service Week with a dinner at Ronald McDonald House in New Hyde Park. Events will also include a beautification project in the courtyard (gazebo, plantings) and beautifying South's lobby.
- Friday, January 23 if the One Act Play Contest.
- In May, look forward to World Culture Night.

**MEETINGS FOR THIS YEAR:** Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Your participation is needed!! Our next meeting is on: **February 12**. Meetings thereafter will be held on the first Thursday of each month unless there's a need to alter that.

A motion to adjourn was made by Eric Spinner and seconded by Ray Richford. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roberta Brill Birnel