

Valley Stream South High School Alumni Association, Inc.  
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**Minutes**

February 12, 2009

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 5 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 7:25 p.m.

The following members were present at the meeting: Roberta Brill Birnel, Karen Grimm, Eileen Howell, Arlene Ainbinder Lynn, Claire Brush Reinhardt, Ray Richford, Emily Kleinman Schreiber, Eric Spinner, and Irene Sundal. Also at tonight's meeting was Principal Maureen Henry and student Adriana Tringone.

Regrets were received from Edie Mandel, Paul DeMartino, Enid Koss Parness, and Dennis Shapiro.

Arlene Ainbinder Lynn reported that the second annual '66 mini-reunion was held in Florida. 35 people attended, including Mr. and Mrs. Rosov. Eileen Gunderson Gelet and Joan Kass Lipson planned the event. The next mini-reunion will be held on January 30, 2010.

**Minutes:**

- The minutes were corrected – the correct date of the Wellness Fair is April 25 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.
- A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Eric Spinner and seconded by Eileen Howell 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:**

- Emily presented the Treasurer's report, which is on file.
- Nancy Russo-Rumore donated \$25 in memory of Carmine Cervone. New lifetime members include Pete Pedone ('61), Steven Bangs ('58), Gustave Skip Nelson ('58), John Willows ('66), and Jamie Baker ('70).
- For those who have not yet sent in this year's dues, please do so as soon as possible. Remember that a lifetime membership is \$100 and checks are tax-deductible.

**Scholarship Committee:**

- The deadline for the submission of applications by students is March 31, 2009. The applications will be available to students on February 13.
- Ross Lipsky, South's Falcon Report advisor, is planning a "commercial" for scholarships.
- We are working towards placing an announcement of our scholarship award in the PTA Newsletter and in the Guidance Office.

**School Culture Committee:**

Claire Brush Reinhardt attended the meeting with Maureen Henry and submitted the following information:

- A Day of Service will be held on Sunday, March 29.
- About 16 students will go to Ronald McDonald House in New Hyde Park to cook and serve dinner to 80 people.

- South's Art department will make centerpieces for the dinner.
- The Athletic department will conduct a gym lobby cleanup.
- A group of students will visit a soup kitchen in Hempstead.
- The Occupational Ed. teacher is organizing activities connected with the Interfaith Nutrition Network.
- The Character Action Team will clean Hewlett House with green products.
- There is still time for others to volunteer in activities.
- There will be a breakfast for those students who participate in the day. A motion was made by Eileen Howell and seconded by Claire Brush Reinhardt to donate \$30 for bagels. A motion by Eileen and Irene Sundal to increase the donation to \$50 amended this. The members approved the final motion.

#### New Business:

- Adriana Tringone, a student at South, was invited to speak to the Alumni about a charity she and her family are starting called "Blankets for Babies on Long Island." She encourages the collection or making of blankets, hats, booties and other articles for donation to sick babies at St.Mary's Children's Hospital in Bayside. The members were very taken with Adriana and her project and will discuss contributions to the charity.
- Claire suggested posting a message board on our website. Eric thought it might be better and less complicated to set up a Facebook page for the Alumni Association as a non-profit group. Arlene Ainbinder Lynn and her husband will look into setting this up. Thank you!
- Emily suggested that the Association set up a mini-grant form to benefit South's students, the school, or the Valley Stream community.

#### Events:

- South High's Career Day is set for March 24, 2009; from 7:45 – 10:15 a.m. Please let the school know if you would like to participate.
- A Health Fair, which will bridge activities between departments, is planned for April 25.
- Upcoming reunions: Class of 1964 – October 2009; Class of 1959 – Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the Knights of Columbus in Oceanside.
- Class of 1984 at the Hyatt Regency Wind Watch Golf Club. Email Nancy Russo-Rumore <<mailto:n.russorumore@verizon.net>> 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 <<mailto:cre8em@aol.com>> for inclusion in the Alumni Association's *Bulletin*.

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

- The Battle of the Bands raised **\$14,000** for St. Baldrick's children cancer fund. Students and their sponsors raised part of the money by shaving heads.
- 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: **March 5**. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month unless there's a need to alter that.

A motion to adjourn was made by Irene Sundal and seconded by Eric Spinner. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roberta Brill Birnel