

Valley Stream South High School Alumni Association, Inc.
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Minutes
March 5, 2009

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 7 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, Paul DeMartino, Booker Gibson, Eric Hilton (Class of '66 up for a visit from Florida), Arlene Ainbinder Lynn, Claire Brush Reinhardt, Ray Richford, Emily Kleinman Schreiber, Dennis Shapiro, and Eric Spinner.

Regrets were received from Karen Grimm, Eileen Howell, Irene Sundal, Barbara Peres, Enid Koss Parness, Linda Tobin Kettering, and Ken and Laura Waxman Ulric.

Eric Spinner told us about his trip to Bulgaria with 8 students who took part in a Virtual Enterprise program at a trade fair during seven days in Sofia.

Minutes:

- The spelling of Arlene Ainbinder Lynn's last name and Adriana Tringone's last name were corrected.
- A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Eric Spinner and seconded by Arlene Ainbinder Lynn and they were so voted.
- Thank you to Roberta Brill Birnel for setting up and completing the Alumni membership database.

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.
- There were several donations.
- 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 dues are tax-deductible.
- Please note that Emily has revised the membership form to make it more "user friendly."
- There has been no decision on an Association donation to Adriana Tringone's charity. However, individuals can make their own donations. We will find out how and when people can bring or send donations directly to the school.

Scholarship Committee:

- The committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. on April 2 at the school. At that time they will read and discuss student entries and submit their recommendations for the 2009 scholarship(s) to be given by the Association. Maureen Henry approved the meeting.

School Culture Committee:

- Claire Brush Reinhardt reported that there was no meeting last month.

New Business:

- Valley Stream Central H.S. District presents a Distinguished Alumni Award every year. Members expressed an interest in past recipients and how the honorees are selected.
- Mr. Greg Peddle will be Interim Assistant Principal at South from the end of March to the end of this school year. (Lori Tintella will be on maternity leave.)

Events:

- South High's Career Day is set for March 24, 2009 from 7:45 – 10:15 a.m. There was some discussion about why the assembly is for ninth graders.
- 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.
- The PTA Legislative Breakfast will be held on March 14.
- Emily placed an ad for the District Music Festival for \$35 on behalf of the Association. The Festival will be held on March 13.
- In May, look forward to World Culture Night.
- Service Day at the school will be on Sunday, March 29. The Association has given \$50 for bagels for those volunteering in this worthwhile effort. Some of the scheduled sites and participating groups are:
 - Ronald McDonald House – a dinner will be served.
 - Athletic Leadership Council, Honor Society members and parents
 - Hewlett House - Project Green, planting by Key Club and Honor Society members, and a boutique with proceeds going to Hewlett House.
- Following our last highly successful and well-attended “Booker Gibson Night” at the Irish Coffee Pub, we voted to do it again on July 1. Please contact your class representative or call the Pub to make reservations. We really had a great time last year and hope to see many of you this time. We are aware that more might attend on a Saturday night, but Booker expressed concerns that the club is adverse to turning away regulars on that night.
- Send any information regarding reunions to Eric Spinner <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*.

Old Business:

- An update on the head shaving fundraiser and the Battle of the Bands under the aegis of teacher Jeff Hsi shows that they have raised about \$17,000 for St. Baldrick's Children's Cancer Fund.

MEETINGS FOR THIS YEAR: Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Your participation is needed!! Our next meeting is on: **May 7**. 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 Ray Richford and seconded by Eric Spinner. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10s p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Brill Birnel