

Valley Stream South High School Alumni Association, Inc.
Incorporated in 1995, Reactivated in 2005



Scholarship • Ongoing • Unity • Tradition • Heritage

Emily Kleinman Schreiber, President
Paul DeMartino, Vice-President
Dennis Shapiro, Treasurer

Roberta Brill Birnel, Secretary
Eileen Howell, Historian

Minutes
June 5, 2008

OUR FIRST MEETING IN THE FALL WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4 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 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present at the meeting: Roberta Brill Birnel, Karen Grimm, Eileen Howell, Arlene Ainbinder Lynn, Edie Mandel, Claire Brush Reinhardt, Ray Richford, Emily Kleinman Schreiber, Eric Spinner, and Irene Sundal.

Regrets were received from Linda Tobin Kettering, Dennis Shapiro, Paul DeMartino, Laura and Ken Ulric, Edie Mandel, Nancy Russo-Rumore, and Booker Gibson.

Emily opened the meeting by letting us know how well she did with the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) walk – raising about \$2000.

Emily received an email from Nancy Russo-Rumore saying that she loved seeing Joe Anfora ('71) in the production of "Fools."

Minutes:

- A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Eileen Howell and seconded by Eric Spinner, and they were so voted.

Treasurer's Report:

- Emily Kleinman Schreiber presented the Treasurer's report, which is on file. For those who are already members and have not yet sent in their dues, please do so as soon as possible. Remember that a lifetime membership is \$100.

New Business:

- South's School Culture Committee met and Claire Brush Reinhardt was our representative. The only other people present were two teachers and Laurie Tintella. They discussed the Wall of Service; that they would like something up by the end of next year. Money for the Wall was collected from two recently graduated classes. The Committee did not schedule another meeting.
- Homecoming 2008 is in the planning stage. The Association discussed presenting a lunch for all attending alumni. We will try to have a blitz of publicity about this October 18 event in the fall in order to make it as successful as possible.
- Eileen Howell raised the issue of revisiting our scholarship application and rubric. We would like to make it more student friendly. We discussed changing the criteria because sorting through this year's applications was quite difficult.

Acts of Kindness:

- Arlene Ainbinder Lynn who worked so hard to purchase, pack and mail all the items to Cpl. Thomas Cahill in Afghanistan has not yet heard if the gift has been received. Hopefully, we will have an update on this in September.

Old business:

- In August, Eric Spinner will be working on getting our website running for Mac users. He expects to take a “Dream Weaver” course this summer. We will hear from him at our first meeting in the fall.
- We got confirmation from the IRS that our application for tax-free status has been received. The process can take up to six months.

Events:

- July 26 is the reunion date for the Class of 1973 at Pappas. Carole Liebowitz Kagan is planning the event.
- Also on July 26 is the reunion of the Class of 1998 at McArthur Park restaurant.
- The Class of 1977 will hold their Polynesian themed reunion on June 28 and 29 at Jerry Mackay in Rockville Centre.
- The Class of 1968 reunion is still waiting for someone to plan an event.
- We received an email from Richard Boyd, South teacher and coach, about collecting the money for a fundraiser for the school’s basketball team. We told him we would be happy to notify people about the event, but not to serve as the bankers for it.
- Karin Schade Sofarelli notified the Association of the film, “The Remembered” by Eliot Levine, being shown in Hicksville on Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8 to pay homage to the Viet Nam veterans and the traveling replica of the D.C. wall. Karin and Mike’s son, Michael, wrote the related book “Letters on the Wall” which honored his father’s military service. At this event, there will be a reading of the names and a 21-gun salute.
- We reminded members of our plans to get together at the Irish Coffee Pub (featuring our own Booker Gibson at the keyboard!) on Wednesday, August 6. Call for reservations: (631) 277-0007.
- Arlene Ainbinder Lynn informed us that there would be a dinner for alumni in Florida on February 7, 2009. More details will follow in the fall.

MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEAR: Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Your participation is needed!! Our first meeting of the new year is on: **September 4**. Meetings thereafter will again be held on the first Thursday of each month, with the exception of next January’s meeting, which will be on the 8th. A motion to adjourn was made by Irene Sundal and seconded by Eric Spinner. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Brill Birnel