

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

September 11, 2008

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 2 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, Booker Gibson, Karen Grimm, Irwin Kotcher, Arlene Ainbinder Lynn, Edie Mandel, Claire Brush Reinhardt, Ray Richford, Emily Kleinman Schreiber, Eric Spinner, and Irene Sundal. We were happy to welcome new member Andrea Shenkman Duncliffe ('84) who expressed her desire to represent the alumni from the 1980's.

Regrets were received from Linda Tobin Kettering, Dennis Shapiro, Eileen Howell, Ken and Laura Ulric, Paul DeMartino, and Terry Gunderson Kaiser.

**Homecoming:**

- ? Emily opened the meeting by reading into the minutes the Homecoming article from the Alumni Newsletter. The article described the proposed activities for the October 18 event that were discussed at a meeting on July 11 with Principal Maureen Henry. The Association representatives at this meeting were Claire Brush Reinhardt, Terry Gunderson Kaiser, and Roberta Brill Birnel. The Newsletter has been sent out. All alumni are welcome and the Class of 1958 will be especially honored on this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their graduation. It was also noted that all checks made out to the Alumni Association are tax deductible.
- ? Irwin Kotcher made a motion to put out word that the charge for bagels, baked goods, coffee, and tea should be \$5 per person. Members present at the meeting accepted this. Claire Brush Reinhardt suggested that we hire someone to do take care of the food and drink. Andrea Shenkman Duncliffe suggested Entenmann's baked goods.

**Minutes:**

- ? A motion to accept the minutes, with a change of the January meeting from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> (made by Eric Spinner,) was made by Claire Brush Reinhardt and seconded by Irwin Kotcher, and they were so voted.

### Treasurer's Report:

- ? Emily Kleinman Schreiber presented the Treasurer's report, which is on file. There are 7 new members (signed up at Booker's night on August 6,) and 8 more who joined after receiving the Newsletter. We also have 4 more lifetime members. 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, and all dues/donations are now tax deductible.

### New Business:

- ? Raising funds for the association was discussed. Some ideas are to sell bricks, and T-shirts.

### Acts of Kindness:

- ? Arlene Ainbinder Lynn who worked so hard to purchase, pack and mail all the items to Cpl. Thomas Cahill in Afghanistan still has not yet heard if the gift has been received
- ? There were several new ideas for this year's project. Among them were a clean-up, planting, and beautification of areas of Valley Stream,

### Old business:

- ? The Alumni Association website is up and running. Emily Kleinman Schreiber presented Eric Spinner with a "Tech" mug for his great efforts and success with this project. The URL is [www.vsshs-alumni.org](http://www.vsshs-alumni.org).
- ? On July 31, we received our official letter from the IRS confirming our tax-exempt status under §501(c)(3) of the IRS code. We are listed as a Public Charity as well.
- ? Irwin Kotcher has assured us that we will have an official Alumni Association banner for the Homecoming festivities.

### Events:

- ? The night of August 6 at the Irish Coffee Pub with Booker Gibson was a great success. We are looking forward to another evening, perhaps early next year.
- ? The Classes of 1973, 1977, and 1998 had reunions during the summer.

Because our meeting for tonight was rescheduled and Principal Maureen Henry had a prior commitment to attend the PTA meeting, she was unable to be at ours. Emily spoke briefly with her after the meeting and will report to the members in October.

Happy Birthday to Eric Spinner! Thank you, Arlene Ainbinder Lynn, for our goodies tonight!

**MEETINGS FOR THIS YEAR:** Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Your participation is needed!!

Our next meeting is on: **October 2**. 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

A motion to adjourn was made by Irene Sundal and seconded by Karen Grimm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roberta Brill Birnel