

Valley Stream South High School Alumni Association, Inc.
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Minutes

October 2, 2008

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6 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, Karen Grimm, Eileen Howell, Terry Gunderson Kaiser, Frank Lauro, Arlene Ainbinder Lynn, Edie Mandel, Carol Newman, Claire Brush Reinhardt, Ray Richford, Emily Kleinman Schreiber, Cindy Raitano Slater, Eric Spinner, and Irene Sundal.

Regrets were received from Dennis Shapiro.

Emily Kleinman Schreiber apologized to those members who could not attend September's meeting due to the change of date.

We extend our condolences to Joan Gunderson Gorczyk on the passing of her husband.

To open the meeting, all members present introduced themselves for the benefit of those who were attending for the first time.

Minutes:

? A motion to accept the minutes without change was made by Claire Brush Reinhardt and seconded by Irene Sundal, and they were so voted.

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Treasurer's Report:

? Emily Kleinman Schreiber presented the Treasurer's report, which is on file. There are 5 new members and an additional \$10 donation in memory of two friends. 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 now tax-deductible.

Homecoming:

? Emily had received 25 checks in the mail from people expecting to attend. Several members paid the \$5.00 at the meeting.

? Cindy Raitano Slater said that she knows of more people who expect to pay at the door.

? The library will be set up for a reception at 11:00 a.m. for alumni. Bagels, cream cheese, coffee, tea, juice, and fruit salad will be served. Terry Gunderson Kaiser has volunteered to do the ordering for us.

? Terry Gunderson Kaiser, Claire Brush Reinhardt, Edie Mandel, Irene Sundal, and Karen Grimm will provide (bake) cake and cookies.

- ? Roberta Brill Birnel will contact Newsday about publicizing the day. Hopefully, it is not too close to the event for inclusion in the paper. Karen Grimm will check into publicity in The Herald and The Observer, two local papers.
- ? South High School Principal, Maureen Henry, spoke about what the school will provide:
 - ? An area of the bleachers will be designated for the alumni. The Homecoming football game is scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m.
 - ? The school will honor the alumni and, in particular, the alumni of the Class of 1958, who will also receive carnations from the school.
 - ? Students will conduct tours of the school.
 - ? Members of the Class of 1958 will participate in the presentation ceremony of the Homecoming King and Queen.
 - ? Carnations will be provided for that graduating class.
 - ? An "Alumni Honor Guard" will take part in the pregame ceremony. Claire Brush Reinhardt suggested that we call the ceremony "The past honors the present looking toward the future."
 - ? During the alumni reception, teacher Ross Lipsky will show a DVD about the history of the school through music, slides, and interviews.

New Business:

- ? Nancy Russo-Rumore (not present at the meeting) suggested to Emily Kleinman Schreiber that the Association look into registering with the charities board.

Acts of Kindness:

- ? Emily met the head of Island Harvest who volunteered to come to a meeting to discuss how we can coordinate with this group for our Act of Kindness this year.

Old business:

- ? The Alumni Association encourages people to check out our new website, which is up and running thanks to the work of Eric Spinner. The URL is < <http://www.vsshs-alumni.org>>.
- ? The Scholarship Committee (Eileen Howell, Claire Brush Reinhardt, Irene Sundal, Edie Mandel, Karen Grimm, and Roberta Brill Birnel) will meet before our next meeting to work on the rubric and to fine tune the application form.

Events:

- ? Homecoming!!! Saturday, October 18, starting with an alumni reception in the library at 10:30 a.m.
- ? Reunions for the Classes of 1958 and 1959 will be held in Florida.
- ? South High is already planning Career Day for March 24, 2009. Please let the school know if you would like to participate.

Thank you, Karen Grimm, for the yummy brownies!

MEETINGS FOR THIS YEAR: Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Your participation is needed!! Our next meeting is on: **November 6**. Meetings thereafter will 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 Terry Gunderson Kaiser. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Brill Birnel