

Valley Stream South High School Alumni Association, Inc.
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Minutes

December 4, 2008

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 8 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 T. Gibson, Karen Grimm, Eileen Howell, Terry Gunderson Kaiser, Arlene Ainbinder Lynn, Edie Mandel, Claire Brush Reinhardt, Ray Richford, Emily Kleinman Schreiber, Dennis Shapiro, Eric Spinner, and Irene Sundal.

Regrets were received from Enid Koss Parness, Laura Waxman Ulric, and Ken Ulric.

Minutes:

- ↳ The minutes were corrected – Terry Gunderson Kaiser was not listed in the November 6, 2008 minutes as having sent regrets.
- ↳ A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Eileen Howell and seconded by Eric Spinner 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:

- ↳ Dennis Shapiro presented the Treasurer's report, which is on file. We have 3 new members (one a lifetime member.)
- ↳ There was a \$50 donation made by Shirley Hess Deutsch ('66) in memory of Warren Hess ('77.)
- ↳ 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 tax-deductible.
- ↳ The Treasurer's books were audited by the Trustees and they were in order.

Scholarship Committee:

- ↳ Chairman Eileen Howell presented the updated scholarship rubric. We decided to add the Association logo to the application.
- ↳ The deadline for the submission of applications by students is March 31, 2009.
- ↳ After a lengthy discussion, Eileen Howell made a motion that we award two \$500 scholarships in 2009 and that this decision be reviewed by the membership annually. Ray Richford seconded the motion. Before a vote, and after further discussion, it was recommended that \$1000 be put toward scholarship use, one of which is for \$500. The rest of the money will be allocated for additional scholarship use at the discretion of the scholarship committee. This amended motion was passed unanimously.
- ↳ An announcement of our scholarship award will be put in the PTA Newsletter and in the Guidance Office.
- ↳ It was also decided that we would send an email to members asking for contributions for our scholarships for 2010.

- ‡ Emily Kleinman Schreiber made a motion that we add a teacher's name to each year's scholarship. She suggested that this year's scholarship be given "in honor of Mr. Irving Saffrin" (science teacher.) Eric Spinner seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Acts of Kindness:

- ‡ After considering several suggestions for this year (Green Acres Senior Center visit, Valley Stream Historical Society, etc.) it was decided that Eileen Howell would call the Holy Name of Mary Food Bank, which donates canned goods to local families.
- ‡ The motion to allocate \$200 for this purpose was made by Eileen and seconded by Irene Sundal and it was passed.
- ‡ Karen Grimm, Irene Sundal and Eileen Howell will go to BJ'S to make the necessary purchases.

New/Old Business:

- ‡ The Alumni Association encourages people to check out our website, which is up and running thanks to the work of Eric Spinner. Eric reported tonight that modifications have been made to the site. Our minutes, photos from Homecoming, Emily's Association *BULLETIN* are all posted along with other Association news and information. The URL is < <http://www.vsshs-alumni.org>>.
- ‡ Eric's webpage has received many compliments, including those from Miriam Miller, North High's Alumni President, and from the District Tech Director.
- ‡ Modifications have been made to our application form, including the fact that all dues/donations are tax exempt as per 501(C)(3). You can also check off your desire to be an officer or trustee.
- ‡ A donor form has been added to our web site.
- ‡ The Association will send a formal acknowledgment of donations made for \$250 *and up*.
- ‡ An application for a tax-exempt certificate has been submitted to the NYS Tax Dept.
- ‡ No one was able to attend the American Education week breakfast.

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 next spring.
- ‡ Upcoming reunions: Class of 1964 – October 2009; Class of 1959 – Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the Knights of Columbus in Oceanside.

MEETINGS FOR THIS YEAR: Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Your participation is needed!! Our next meeting is on: **January 8**. Meetings thereafter will be 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 Irene Sundal. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Brill Birnel