

**St. Paul High School
Alumni Association
Minutes
October 11, 2010
Vencil Learning Center**

Present for the meeting: Teresa Vencil, Peyton Gregory, Benny Crowder, Allyson Sutherland, Chub Crowder, Ann Worley, Kathy Stewart, Doris Fletcher, Johnny Jones, Frank Molinary, Debbie Baca, Drew Mullins, Judy Abbott, Suzy Harrison.

A correction was made to the minutes of the April 19, 2010 meeting. There was no new recipient of the Jones Scholarship from the 2009-2010 school year. Current Jones Scholarship recipients are: Chris Sutherland, Emily Salyer and Ashley Board wine. On a motion by Chub and seconded by Doris the minutes were approved as amended.

The treasurer's reports for April and July were approved on a motion by Johnny seconded by Allyson. As of October 11, 2010 there was a balance of \$7,138. 33 in the Alumni Association account.

There was a discussion of how about 100 bricks from the Old school could be used--either at Estonoa or the Hillman House. Signs would indicate that the bricks came from the Old school.

In news reported from SPHS Michael Sutherland spent 10 days at the Space Academy. He is currently thinking about attending Virginia Tech. SPHS was also named a Virginia Naturally School for the 11th consecutive year. St. Paul is just one of three schools in the state recognized for all eleven years. Team Estonoa is currently working on a mussel project. The greatest growth was seen in St. Paul and below the Carbo plant. The mussels were due to be released on October 22, 2010 at the boat Ramp at Ma Whitenack Field. Suzy asked if Team Estonoa could do a presentation of the project at the January meeting.

A discussion followed concerning plans for the 2011 All Years reunion and election to be held in the summer of 2011. The weekend of July 23, 2011 was selected as Reunion Weekend. Board members were to have ideas for the Reunion at the January 2011 meeting. Tentative plans were as follows: At the Oxbow Center Friday--informal gathering and a band. Saturday afternoon: picnic at the A.R. Matthews Memorial Park-with food provided by a caterer. Saturday night at Oxbow Center (alumni association to bring food, other alumni will be encouraged to bring food as well.) It was suggested that Ivy Road be the band for Saturday night. Suzy to check on this. Plan to bring old yearbooks and newspapers to share at the reunion.

The Nominating committee was scheduled to meet in January before the regular Alumni Association meeting to gather nominees for the upcoming election. Plans were to finalize the ballot and send it to members by April. Debbie suggested the Chloe Parsell be the new student member of the Board. This nomination was seconded by Allyson.

Suzy gave the website report for Gloria. The website has been updated and Beta testing was completed. There are now links to twitter and facebook. Gloria asked that Board members send her updated biographies. Minutes from the meetings will also be sent to Gloria for posting on the website. Johnny stated that the website needs to be updated regularly for the reunion.

Debbie gave a report from Voice for Community Schools. The latest plan is to close Pound and Appalachia and leave St. Paul alone with just a core curriculum. The option would be available for students from St. Paul to attend Coeburn for classes not available at St. Paul. A public hearing was scheduled for November 16, at J. J. Kelly for public comment on the plan. Debbie suggested that their should be one anti-consolidation candidate run for the school board seat vacated by Vanessa Perry should an election be held. The School Board appointed Larry Greear to replace Perry. It was mentioned that students turning 18 should be registered to vote if a special election is held.

It was mentioned that citizens from Appalachia and Pound are asking for people to sign a petition to keep all schools open. Suzy stated that Norton has refused joining with Wise County School System.

Respectfully submitted,
Peyton Gregory