

St. Paul High School

Alumni Association

Board of Directors

Minutes

January 28, 2008

Present for Meeting: Suzy Harrison, Chub Crowder, Benny Crowder, Judy Abbot, Drew Mullins, Teresa Vencil, Peggy Austin, Peyton Gregory, Gloria Annarelli, Debbie Baca, Frank Molinary, Johnny Jones, Allyson Sutherland, Monty Salyer, Doris Fletcher, Kyle Fletcher, Larry McReynolds.

The meeting was called to order by Suzy Harrison. A motion was made by Judy Abbot to accept the agenda. The motion passed. Judy Abbot also made the motion that the minutes be accepted. This motion was seconded by Allyson Sutherland and the motion passed.

Treasurers report: Benny reported a balance of \$6,424.10. She also stated that a contribution to the Alumni Association had been made online by John Bolton. However she has not received a statement from Kintera. Memorials had also been received in honor of Mary Lee Kiser and Virginia Gillenwater.

In a discussion about scholarships: Josh Turner had sent information asking that his scholarship be continued for the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year. This has been paid. The SPHS Alumni Scholarship recipients Haley Kiser and Virginia Burton have each received \$250. Maddie Gordon and Frankie Skeens have each received \$250 from the Bellamy Scholarship. Chris Sutherland had also received \$625 from the Jones Scholarship. The Jones Scholarship is renewable for up to 5 years. However the student must show proof that he is enrolled each semester. It was decided that a letter would be sent to the school, to be forwarded to the Jones Scholarship recipients, that they must show proof of their enrollment in order for the scholarship to continue each semester. That motion was made by Gloria Annarelli and seconded by Kyle Fletcher and approved by the Board.

A discussion of the 2 year budget followed: The report given listed the total projected expenses for 2008 and 2009 at \$10,305.00. This budget included expenses from the Voice for Community Schools. It was stated that the major portion of the monies allocated for VCS would be used for the purchase of advertisements in The Coalfield Progress and Clinch Valley Times. Larry McReynolds stated that he would be willing to help supplement

the budget to help with advertising expenses if necessary. On a motion made by Debbie Baca and seconded by Larry McReynolds the budget would remain as presented. It was suggested that the issue of advertising cost be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the VCS (January 31, 2008).

Suzy presented a list of committees and committee members. (Alumni Reunion, Nominating, Alumni Membership, Website/Newsletter, Alumni Scholarship/Fund Raising and the Finance/Budget). A motion was made by Allyson Sutherland to accept the committees as listed with the addition of Debbie Baca and Johnny Jones to the Alumni Scholarship/Fund Raising Committee and Larry McReynolds to the Finance/Budget Committee. The motion was seconded by Kyle Fletcher and approved by the Board.

Gloria Annarelli presented a Website Report that listed all updates made to the site. The report stated that the entire site has been reorganized and cleaned up. A search function and site map function have been added. The By Laws have been added and a link has been added to the Home page to connect to a separate web page for the Voice for Community Schools. Other updates include information on school events, links to other St. Paul related sites and photo updates. Information on the consolidation issue have also been added.

Drew Mullins reported that Mr. Beasley from Dominion had awarded \$3,200 to the SPHS Excel program. He also mentioned that several students and teachers from Team Estonoa were planning to attend the 12th annual GLOBE conference to be held in South Africa in June 2008. The Alumni Association will give a donation to Team Estonoa for this trip.

A discussion of the consolidation issue followed the committee reports. Suzy reported on a meeting she attended at Mosby's Restaurant. Also in attendance at the meeting were Teresa Vencil, Bob Harrison, Dana Kilgore, Robbie Robbins, Monty Salyer, Vanessa Perry and Jack Kiser. The meeting was organized to discuss the consolidation issue. Robbie Robbins is anti-consolidation. Dana Kilgore stated that St. Paul was an excellent school and she saw no reason to close it. However, she stated she would support the school board's decision. Vanessa Perry is pro-consolidation and she stated that she would vote to close SPHS if she voted to close Pound and Appalachia. Robbins and Kilgore mentioned the high cost of site preparation for any new school built in the county.