

St. Paul High School

Alumni Association

Board of Directors

Minutes

October 14, 2008

Present for meeting: Suzy Harrison, Debbie Baca, Gloria Annarelli, Peyton Gregory, Frank Molinary, Peggy Austin, Kyle Fletcher, Benny Crowder, Chub Crowder, Drew Mullins, Allyson Sutherland, Monty Salyer, and Ann Worley.

The meeting was called to order by Suzy Harrison. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gloria and seconded by Chub. The motion passed. Benny presented the Treasurer's report. The ads in the Wise and PV football programs have been paid. She has not yet received a bill from Coeburn. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion made by Peggy and seconded by Kyle. The billboard ad has been taken down..

Gloria gave a website report. Her report stated that the "We Get Letters" page on the VCS site had to be redesigned due to the large number of letters received. An archive page has been added to the home page and the Newsletter page. Many articles concerning SPHS activities and school consolidation have been added to the site as well.

Drew Mullins gave a report on student activities at SPHS. He stated that the Green Roof had been finished and was featured on WCYB. A discussion by the board followed, concerning the student's reaction to consolidation. The Board agreed that the students should understand this could be an extremely long battle. It was suggested that Frances Wall speak to an assembly at the high school regarding how long this process could take and how much their involvement is needed.

John Jones suggested getting an injunction to keep the School Board from having the public hearing on November 3. He agreed that Monty was correct to ask the School Board for specific information on cost, sites, etc. for the schools. Jones also suggested that there were grounds for a suit against the School Board for not upholding the care and efficient running of the school system. He suggested getting a taxpayer from each community to support the injunction.

Monty suggested a meeting with legal advisors and town government to write letters to school board members to ask them to hold public meetings at all 6 schools.

Debbie suggested purchasing mailing labels for a mass mailing to specific areas of the county or the whole county encouraging community members to attend the Board of Supervisors meetings. She also suggested purchasing a billboard in Big Stone Gap. It was also stated that some people there are against consolidation.

A discussion was also held concerning the Reunion planned for July 24-25, 2009. Suzy suggested holding the reunion at the Oxbow Center. A cost per person of \$25 was suggested. She also suggested having a catered picnic at the A. R. Matthews Memorial Park on Saturday afternoon. (It was suggested that the Little League, Eastern Star, or an outside caterer could be used for the picnic.) It was suggested that the reunion information be placed on the website. Class representatives for each decade should work to help contact classmates about the reunion.

Respectfully submitted,

Peyton Gregory