

St. Paul High School

Alumni Association

Board of Directors

Minutes

July 21, 2008

Present for the meeting: Kathy Stewart, Gloria Annarelli, Tony Annarelli, Suzy Harrison, Teresa Vencil, Judy Abbott, Debbie Baca, Peyton Gregory, Drew Mullins, Frank Molinary, Monty Salyer, Johnny Jones, Doris Fletcher, Kyle Fletcher, Benny Crowder, and Chub Crowder.

The July 21, 2008 meeting of the SPHS Alumni Association was called to order by Suzy Harrison. On a motion made by Johnny Jones and seconded by Judy Abbott, the agenda was approved. The minutes were approved on a motion made by Gloria Annarelli and seconded by Kyle Fletcher.

The treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$6, 937.74. Payments had been made for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester to the three Jones Scholarship recipients: Chris Sutherland, Josh Turner and Ashley Boardwine. A payment for the second semester(2007-2008) had also been made from the Alumni Scholarship to Haley Kiser. Three hundred dollars had also been paid to Lamar for billboard advertising. On a motion by Debbie Baca and seconded by Judy Abbott the treasurer's report was approved.

The next topic of discussion was changing the date for the All Year's Reunion, which had previously been planned for every four years. Some alumni had expressed an interest in having the reunions more frequently. After a brief discussion a motion passed changing the All Year's Reunion to every two years. The motion was made by Chub Crowder and seconded by Johnny Jones. The next All Years Reunion will be July 25, 2009.

Gloria Annarelli gave a report on the website. The following items have been completed since the last board meeting: spdeacs.org and voiceforcommunityschools.org continue to be updated. Major format changes have also been completed. Several updates have been made to the newsletter and in memoriam pages and several letters have been added to the VCS website.

SPHS update: Team Estonoa members returned from the World GLOBE conference in South Africa. Three members attended the National FBLA

Conference. DJ Jessee has painted and updated the gym and baseball fields. The following scholarships were awarded during the Awards Day Ceremony: Carol Holbrook and Lauren Dean--Alumni Scholarship and Ashley Boardwine--Jones Scholarship. Terry Vencil reported that Team Estonoa received a \$22,000 grant to extend the water project.

Debbie Baca gave a VCS report. Debbie stated that the Billboard was up on 58A until September. The cost is \$300/month and is renewable. She also mentioned that Barry Nelson had created a compromise plan to consolidation. The Nelson plan called for building 3 new schools, renovating the others and making them K-12 schools, Saint Paul. Appalachia and Pound would become K-12 schools.

Debbie stated that the School Board is conducting in-house studies to explore the consolidation/renovation question.

Debbie also stated that it is important to seek support from Powell Valley High School--because there is a group in Big Stone that is anti-consolidation. Debbie was also asked to explore the possibility of reprinting the article from the Charleston, WV Gazette in the Coalfield Progress. A Voice for Community Schools meeting was scheduled for August 7, 2008.

A discussion followed concerning ways to get Dominion involved in supporting our schools. It was suggested that a meeting be held with Dominion leaders to specifically ask for their help in keeping the St. Paul Schools open.

Monty suggested we write letters to the School Board thanking them for considering creative options to consolidation. Monty also stated that the St. Paul group has been complimented for their organized and respectful attendance and participation in the School Board meetings. He said our presence has had an influence on the Board.

On a motion made by Gloria Annarelli and seconded by Chub Crowder it was decided to place an ad in the SPHS and all county football programs in support of all our county high schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Peyton Gregory