

Turners Falls High School Alumni Association

Minutes of Meeting

February 1, 2017 – 7:00 p.m., Elks Lodge

Present: Bob Avery, Debbie Benoit, Doug Brown, Karen Collins, Sheryl Jablonski, Ron LaRoche, Anne Maddern & Steve Prokowicz

Bank Account: \$3,743.04 (as of 2/1/17)

Newsletter: reminder, we always need your articles! Help us in keeping these newsletters coming!

Reminder: We would still like to get others involved in writing stories for future editions. Please help us: alumni, teachers, anyone with a story to tell! Send us your ideas for future newsletters, such as articles on class gifts, reunions, favorite teachers, highlights of graduates, etc. Anyone with any newsletter additions to submit, please send to Karen Collins at golfinggirll101@yahoo.com or Doug Brown at tfhsalumni@gmrsd.org or Sheryl Jablonski at sheryljab@gmail.com. Thanks, in advance, for your help!

Scholarship: Karen has reached out to TFHS, sent in our application and the process should be moving forward. Doug suggested one of us meeting the new personnel at TFHS. He said he would try to arrange a meeting. We discussed increasing our award amount or having more than one award; as the process has already started for this year, we tabled this discussion for next year's award.

Year-End Report: Sheryl distributed a Financial Report from January 2015 to current and it is attached. It was suggested that we have a financial report presented for each monthly meeting.

Interim Election: it was discussed that we should have officers in place, and as we had a quorum at this meeting and willing participants, the following were voted in unanimously (for positions to be held only until our next formal election in the summer): Doug Brown, President; Ron LaRoche, Vice-President; Karen Collins, Clerk/Secretary; Sheryl Jablonski, Treasurer.

School Banners: Doug brought back to the table our desire to look into banners for outside TFHS. Costs were discussed; Steve will check in with Pioneer to see where they have been obtaining their banners; Doug will try to meet with the Principal and Student Council for guidance and ideas. We will continue this discussion in future meetings.

New Members: Please help us to continue to boost our membership. Tell your TFHS friends and family about our organization. Think of us during your class reunions, and encourage your classmates to join. Remember, it is still free to become a member of the Turners Falls High School Alumni Association, and membership information and forms are available on our website.

TFHS Yearbooks are Online! To view the yearbooks, go to: <https://archive.org/details/turnerfallshighschool>

Facebook: keep updated on all that is happening with your TFHS Alumni Association. Like us on Facebook, (listed as: **Turners Falls High School Alumni Association**) and then spread the word on your wall.

Website: <http://tfhs.gmrsd.org/?pID=11999>

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m., Montague Elks Lodge, Turners Falls.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Collins