

## Turners Falls High School Alumni Association

### Minutes of Meeting

March 2, 2016 – 7:00 p.m., Elks Lodge

**Present:** Doug Brown, Debbie Benoit, Steve Prokowich, Bob Avery, Mike Cadran, Brian Miner, Ron LaRoche, Sheryl Jablonski

**Bank Account:** \$2,594.04

**Turners Falls High School Hall of Fame:** Brian Miner, Chair of the Turners Falls High School Hall of Fame Committee, attended to discuss the future of this committee. Brian wants to know if there is any interest from the Alumni Association in carrying this committee forward. Although the Association supports this effort, we do not have the funding necessary to embrace this endeavor. He is looking for any Alumni who may be interested in becoming an active member of this committee. He stated that there is a time commitment involved in doing research on nominees. If anyone is interested in participating in this committee, please contact:

*Brian Miner at [brianjminer@gmail.com](mailto:brianjminer@gmail.com) Phone: 978-996-2305*

Mike Cadran offered to look into How Mahar and Athol structures their Hall of Fame as they are relatively new. He will see if he can find out how they started, how they're funded and what drives them.

**High School Hall of Fame:** Bob Avery suggested that the High School have a separate Hall of Fame for students currently enrolled. The committee thought it was a good idea, however, not appropriate for the Alumni Association. The committee agreed that the Student's Hall of Fame needs to be generated at the School Level, not the Alumni Level.

**Scholarship:** Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**Newsletter:** Doug is getting ready to send out the next newsletter anticipating getting it out by April 1 (and no, this is not an April Fool's joke☺)

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: 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 [golfinggirl101@yahoo.com](mailto:golfinggirl101@yahoo.com) or Doug Brown at [tfhsalumni@gmrds.org](mailto:tfhsalumni@gmrds.org) or Sheryl Jablonski at [sheryljab@gmail.com](mailto:sheryljab@gmail.com). Thanks, in advance, for your help!\*\*\*

**Fundraising:** More discussion on the proposed fall golf tournament. Talked about combining the golf tournament with a gathering at Thomas's that evening. Other ideas were: Nominating/designating someone to dedicate the tournament to and possibly offering some kind

of award to the class that has the most golfers (or maybe a combination of most golfers and most volunteers.) We'll hopefully have a definite date of the tournament by the next meeting.

**Website:** Doug met with the Superintendent about our webpage. The Superintendent supports us and is willing to assist us. The school has switched over to a new system which translates to us submitting any additions/revisions/edits to someone else to post for us. Doug will be working to do these updates over the next few months. It was also suggested that we have some kind of link on our page that says "Click here to visit us on Facebook".

**New Members:** Please help 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.

**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.gmrtd.org/?pID=11999>

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 6, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m., Montague Elks Lodge, Turners Falls

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Jablonski

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