

## Turners Falls High School Alumni Association

Minutes of Meeting

April 6, 2016 – 7:00 p.m., Elks Lodge

**Present:** Doug Brown, Michael Cadran, Karen Collins, Ron LaRoche, Steve Prokowich

**Bank Account:** \$2,594.04 (est)

**Newsletter:** The new edition is out, and Doug has received several positive comments. 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 [golfinggirl1101@yahoo.com](mailto:golfinggirl1101@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!\*\*\*

**Yearbook Project:** Doug reports that he had heard from the school and this is now in progress; we should be getting an invoice (approx. \$100) when completed, sometime during the summer.

**Website:** Doug reports that our use via the GMRSD and TFHS websites is working much better now. They are uploading our documents for us. Doug asked us all to review the site, and look for items we feel should be added, as all of our old data does not currently reside there. From the GMRSD site, go to COMMUNITY, then down to ALUMNI; from TFHS go to PARENTS, then to ALUMNI. A huge thank you to the school for continuing to allow us to access their site, and for all of their kind assistance!

**Fundraising:** More discussion on the proposed fall golf tournament. Doug is still gathering data on organizing this type of event. Again, we will certainly need some help in selling sponsorships, getting raffle prizes, etc., and on the day of a tournament. We will be reaching out for your help if we decided to hold this event. We really need to raise funds to keep our scholarships/awards going on in years ahead!

**Scholarship:** Karen has been in contact with Sharon Girard and will advise when we have some applications for review, hopefully, sometime early next month.

**Banners for the School:** this item has not been forgotten, we need to raise some funds for this, get permission from the school and see what placement might be best. This will continue to be on our radar. Steve is going to look into this further.

**GMEF Fundraiser:** Doug mentioned the event on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and inquired if we would like to make a sponsorship donation. Ron motioned that we contribute at the \$100 level; seconded by Michael; passed unanimously. Doug will take care of contacting GMEF.

**Hall of Fame:** Michael reported that he spoke with members of both Athol and Mahar as to how they run their associations. He will write up his notes and report back to our Hoff soon.

**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:** [https://www.edline.net/pages/Turners\\_Falls\\_High\\_School/Turners\\_Falls\\_High\\_Alumni](https://www.edline.net/pages/Turners_Falls_High_School/Turners_Falls_High_Alumni)

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

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 4, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m., Montague Elks Lodge, Turners Falls

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Collins