

Turners Falls High School Alumni Association

Minutes of Meeting

March 1, 2017 – 7:00 p.m., Elks Lodge

Present: Doug Brown, Karen Collins, Sheryl Jablonski, Ron LaRoche, Anne Maddern & Steve Prokowich

Approval of February Minutes: Ron LaRoche made a motion to approve the February 2017 meeting minutes; seconded by Anne Maddern, and passed unanimously.

Bank Account/Financial Report: \$3,743.04 (as of 3/1/17-no change from last month)

Newsletter: our next edition is scheduled for April 1st, so please get your articles in! 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: Doug is going to attempt to arrange a meeting with the guidance office and with the graduating class to review our criteria and hopefully gain interested applicants. We hope to have applications to review for our May meeting.

Alumni Request: Doug was asked if we had access to the Netops from the 1940's. If anyone has access to these and would share copies, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know.

Elections: reminder that we will have our annual elections during our June meeting. Please let us know if you have an interest in becoming an officer, and if so, please attend our upcoming meetings. And mark your calendars for June 7th to attend that meeting when the vote will take place. Get involved in all the fun!

School Banners: Doug brought back some cost information on the banners for outside TFHS. It was agreed again that we would designate approximately \$1,000 for this project. Doug has met with the Principal and gained her endorsement, and has asked the Student Council for their ideas as to what to put on these banners. We should all think about what we want for design, and Doug asked that we visit the school to take a look at placement and how many banners we might suggest to start with for this project. Also discussed and to consider is whether the banners should be one or two sided. It was felt by all in attendance that we could start with our initial investment, and then discuss asking others to contribute later if we felt more banners would be needed. We will continue this discussion in future meetings.

TFHS Logo: Doug reported that Michael Cadran has told him to report that this is not a dead issue at this time.

Hall of Fame: Ron reports that there should be new candidates this year, with an installation in the near future. We will be sure to pass along any information we obtain on this event.

Donation Request: Doug asked if we were interested in again donating to the GMEF annual fundraiser. Karen Collins made a motion to donate \$100 (as done in the past); seconded by Anne Maddern, passed unanimously.

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.gmrtd.org/?pID=11999>

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m. (Ron LaRoche motioned to adjourn; Sheryl Jablonski seconded; passed unanimously)

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 5, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m., Montague Elks Lodge, Turners Falls.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Collins