

Turners Falls High School Alumni Association

Minutes of Meeting

December 4, 2013 – 7:00 p.m., Elks Lodge

Present: Bob Avery, Doug Brown, Karen Collins, Sheryl Jablonski, Ron LaRoche & Steve Prokowich

Bank Account: we have \$2,866.79 in the account as of 9/30/13.

Thanksgiving Weekend: Sheryl reported that the Rally was a huge success, and the Alumni Cheerleaders did a fantastic job! The crowd loved them, and there was quite a large crowd there. Sheryl will be writing an article and providing some pictures for the next newsletter. We had a table at the game, but not a lot of activity – thanks to those of you who did stop by. We think the cold weather had a lot to do with the lack of people visiting us. The Annual Reunion on Friday night was a big success, lots of folks came out, and most all reported having a great time. There was a lot of activity around the table where the old yearbooks were located – these were great to have available, a big thank you to Matt Robinson for so generously providing them to us for use!! The Classes of 1974 & 1975 tied for the class with the most attendees there! Congratulations, and other Classes, come on out next time to beat these folks. The raffle grossed \$160, which was split with the winner, Eric Peterson (Class of 89) and the Association! We also had a donation jar, thanks to all who contributed, and thanks to all who came out and participated. Thank you again to Lew Collins for providing our venue, and for all his help! Ideas for next year – put more information about the Association on the programs provided at the football game (website reference, FB reference, info on reunion event, etc.); have small handouts written up on the Association and all we do, and pass these out at various events. More people to help out at events.

Member Involvement: We had a lot of discussion on how we might get more members involved in our events. We typically have the same people working during all of our events, and we would like to get more folks involved. We can always use your help. Remember, this is your group, so please think about how you might help. Join us at our monthly meetings, send us newsletter articles, share your ideas for events, etc. We need you!

End of Year Report: Sheryl will have this report for distribution and review during our first meeting of 2014. We discussed our 2014 budget, and those items for which we need to raise funds and/or are contemplating: scholarship \$250; Thanksgiving Day game advertising \$40; MCTV ad for game \$100; Senior Party \$50; GMEF \$100 (Doug will look into this); Senior yearbook ad, Hall of Fame, Football Golf Tournament; etc.

Miscellaneous: Bob Avery presented a few ideas – the Montague Mile; having a presence at the High School; meeting with the seniors about joining the Association; “Bring a Guest” to a meeting; more discussion at future meetings on these topics.

Newsletter: We are working on the next edition. Anyone with any newsletter additions to submit, please send to Karen Collins at golfinggirl101@yahoo.com or Doug Brown at tfhsalumni@gmrtd.org or Sheryl Jablonski at sheryljab@verizon.net.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: January – no meeting; Wednesday, February 5th, 7:00 p.m., Montague Elks Lodge, Turners Falls

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Collins