

## Turners Falls High School Alumni Association

### Minutes of Meeting

April 5, 2017 – 7:00 p.m., Elks Lodge

**Present:** Debra Benoit, Doug Brown, Michael Cadran, Karen Collins, Sheryl Jablonski, Ron LaRoche, & Anne Maddern

**Approval of March Minutes:** Anne Maddern made a motion to approve the March 2017 meeting minutes; seconded by Sheryl Jablonski, and passed unanimously.

**Bank Account/Financial Report:** \$3,643.04 (only expense since last report was the GMEF gala donation)

**Newsletter:** the newest edition is out, thank you Doug! Help us in keeping these newsletters coming! 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 [golfinggrrl101@yahoo.com](mailto:golfinggrrl101@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!

**Scholarship:** Doug reported on his meeting with the guidance office; Karen will pick up applications on May 1<sup>st</sup> and we will review at the next meeting.

**Miscellaneous Items:** Carl Hoynoski had requested we add his class list to our database; it was agreed that those folks would need to contact us if they want to become a member, we do not simply add people to our organization (they can simply email Doug at [tfhsalumni@gmrds.org](mailto:tfhsalumni@gmrds.org)). Doug asked all in attendance to review our online member list and let him know if we were aware of any needed changes.

Mike Cadran is going to check on missing yearbooks; Sheryl reported that she has some to add to our inventory/closet.

Mike's TFHS history data has been downloaded to disks by Ed Gregory and he plans to see if the school and town libraries, Town Hall and Montague Historical Society would like copies; Doug is to check to see if we can add this to our website; Mike plans to give a disk to Sheryl for scanning and review.

**Future Meetings:** 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 7<sup>th</sup> to attend that meeting when the vote will take place. Get involved in all the fun! We will also be reviewing our constitution at our next meeting in May. Please join us!

**School Banners:** More discussion on this project. Doug asked our opinions about flag placement. Of those in attendance, only Anne, Sheryl and Karen had driven by to give their thoughts on this matter – others please do a site visit so we can attempt to make a determination on placement. It was thought that the 2 x 5 size would be what we need, printed on both sides. Doug will get us the Student Council “word” suggestions to put on these banners. We should all think about what we want for design; draft your ideas for the next meeting. We will continue this discussion in future meetings.

**TFHS Alumni Golf Tournament:** Doug discussed the various tasks which we will need to undertake for the tournament, some listed below:

- Registration
- Obtain Sponsorships & In Memory Of
- Raffle and Prizes
- Set-Up and Clean -Up
- Grilling
- Beverage Cart
- Etc.

We will need help with this event, so please contact us if you have any interest. The event is to be held once again at Thomas' Memorial Golf Course on the Saturday of Columbus Day weekend (10/7), with a rain date of Sunday (10/8). Doug will email a list to us, and we will further discuss at our next meeting.

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

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.** (Ron LaRoche motioned to adjourn; Michael Cadran seconded; passed unanimously)

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 3, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m., Montague Elks Lodge, Turners Falls.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Collins