

Turners Falls High School Alumni Association

Minutes of Meeting

December 7, 2016 – 7:00 p.m., Elks Lodge

Present: Doug Brown, Michael Cadran, Karen Collins, Ron LaRoche & Anne Maddern

Bank Account: \$3,684.04 (as of 10/31)

Newsletter: reminder, our next issue is scheduled for January – we need your articles! 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 or Doug Brown at tfhsalumni@gmrnsd.org or Sheryl Jablonski at sheryljab@gmail.com. Thanks, in advance, for your help!***

Night After Thanksgiving All Class Reunion: Karen reported that there was good crowd in attendance, and all seemed to have a great time. The raffle sales went well, and we even made a little money towards our scholarship funds during the free event. It was suggested that we might run a mini ad in the Recorder next year, and also get the word out earlier and more widespread. All agreed that would be a good plan. Thanks to all who came out. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Friday after Thanksgiving 2017 for the next TFHS All Class Reunion!

Class Reunions: Anne Maddern is looking for assistance in locating members of her Class of 1968 for their upcoming reunion to be held August 2018. She also expressed an interest in joining our Board. Karen Collins made a motion for Anne to become a Board Member, seconded by Doug Brown, passed unanimously. Welcome Anne! Reminder to all classes, keep us informed of your reunions and we then will be able to help spread the news, post to our online calendar, etc.

TFHS History: Mike Cadran has most of the school history compiled (from 1900 to 1980's); he is working on getting his documents scanned, etc. This data will eventually be available for viewing on our website. It looks to be some fascinating reading! Thanks Mike for all of your hard work on this project!

Year-End Report: Sheryl was not at this meeting, so this report was not presented.

Donation Request: Doug was approached to ask our Board for a donation towards the Buzz Off/One Mission fundraiser from Sheffield school. Ron LaRoche made a motion to donate \$100, seconded by Anne Maddern and passed unanimously.

TFHS “Indian”: meetings are still ongoing; the Alumni Q&A with the School Committee is scheduled for 1/5/17; all Alumni are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

2017 Meeting Dates: dates for next year were reviewed; we will still meet on the first Wednesday of each month; no meetings in January or July. Karen will send our 2017 dates to the Recorder for publishing in the Talk of the Towns every Monday prior to a meeting.

Golf Tournament: Doug received a lovely letter from Thomas Memorial Golf & Country Club; this will be included in our next newsletter for all to see. Thank you!

Scholarship: Karen will start the process with school personnel on our scholarships once again.

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 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 1st, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m., Montague Elks Lodge, Turners Falls. No January meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Collins