

Turners Falls High School Alumni Association

Minutes of Meeting

November 2, 2016 – 7:00 p.m., Elks Lodge

Present: Doug Brown, Michael Cadran, Karen Collins, Beth Hanson, Ron LaRoche & Steve Prokowich

Bank Account: \$2,554.04 (as of 8/31)

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 golfinggir1101@yahoo.com or Doug Brown at tfhsalumni@gmrtd.org or Sheryl Jablonski at sheryljab@gmail.com. Thanks, in advance, for your help!***

TFHS Yearbooks are Online! To view the yearbooks, go to:

<https://archive.org/details/turnerfallshighschool> Mike Cadran reports that there are a few books that were not in the initial download, and those have been accessed and should be scanned next. There is also a sort feature on the web page for those who had difficulty finding certain years. There is a drop down box defaulted to “RELEVANCE” which can be changed to select “DATE PUBLISHED” which will then sort by year, with the most recently scanned yearbook first. All of the feedback on this project has been great, it is really a wonderful resource!

TFHS History: Mike Cadran is still compiling a lot of school history, and this will all soon be on our website. Thanks Mike!

Year-End Report: Sheryl was not at this meeting, so this report is still pending.

Golf Tournament: Doug reported on the event, and all present at this meeting thought it went very well, and we should try to host this event annually. Suggested by some golfers was to have burgers and hot dogs served on the course during play, then maybe some light appetizers following the tournament (in lieu of the steak dinner). Ideas for next year: more advance help in securing sponsorships, raffle prizes, have a class challenge to see which TFHS class has the most golfers, and who to honor. Give us your ideas. A huge thank you to all of the golfers, sponsors, donors, and volunteers - and especially to Doug Brown for all of his hard work! This was a very successful event for us, earning approximately \$1,400 towards our future scholarships. Let's all work on making this grow for the next event!

TFHS “Indian”: Doug reports that the School Committee has asked if any of the Alumni might be willing to have a Q & A with them (this would be aside from the previously scheduled logo meetings). Mike and Ron agreed to meet if the dates work for them. The Superintendent has also asked if we might have a group available to meet with TFHS students as well; Doug offered to be one of our representatives do this. Doug will get more information on these meetings and report back to us.

Night After Thanksgiving All Class Reunion: Mark your calendars for this annual event to be held again at BTU (in the Extra Points Lounge, the nightclub side) on Friday, November 25th from 6:30pm – 10:00pm. Open to all, free event with music, munchies, raffles, and lots of great reminiscing and friendship. Be the TFHS Class with the most in attendance that night! We sure hope to see many of you there! Drop in anytime!

New Members: Doug reported that Julie McCarthy recruited several new members at our golf tournament, and is actively working on more, thank you Julie! 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.

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, December 7th, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m., Montague Elks Lodge, Turners Falls.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Collins