

## Turners Falls High School Alumni Association

Minutes of Meeting

October 5, 2016 – 7:00 p.m., Elks Lodge

**Present:** Debbie Benoit, Doug Brown, Michael Cadran, Karen Collins, Sheryl Jablonski, Ron LaRoche & Steve Prokowich

**Bank Account:** \$2637.04 (8/31/16)

**Newsletter:** our latest edition has just gone out, thanks to Doug and to our many contributors! The next issue is scheduled for January. 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](mailto:golfinggirl1101@yahoo.com) or Doug Brown at [tfhsalumni@gmrsd.org](mailto:tfhsalumni@gmrsd.org) or Sheryl Jablonski at [sheryljab@gmail.com](mailto:sheryljab@gmail.com). Thanks, in advance, for your help!\*\*\*

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

<https://archive.org/details/turnerfallshighschool>

This is a great resource, and we are excited that we were able to help with this. Thanks to the TFHS staff as well for coordinating this great project!

**Year-End Report:** Sheryl will prepare a fiscal year report for the next meeting, and a calendar year report following year-end. These will be later circulated to our membership.

**Golf Tournament:** We are all set for Saturday: Sheryl, Debbie Karen and Julie will organize the raffles; Doug and Ron will work the golfer registration. We all plan to arrive by 7:30am. This is going to be a fun day, thanks to all who are participating, have contributed, and may have helped us in any way with this inaugural event. We welcome anyone to come by Thomas' County Club to say hi, and donate to our great raffle prizes. You might just get lucky! We will be selling tickets from 8:00am until noon, and you do not need to be present to win. You don't want to miss this. We would love to see you there! The TFHS Alumni voted unanimously to name the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament in honor of the *Thomas Memorial Country Club*, for their years of dedicated community service and for serving as the home "Course" for the TFHS Golf Team as well as the Franklin County Tech School's Golf Team. Congratulations to them.

**TFHS "Mascot":** Michael Cadran reported on the recent School Committee meeting which he attended. He felt that many on the Committee seemed surprised at the attendance in support of keeping the current mascot. One thing he did mention was that he felt a lot of outsiders (not from our towns) were against the Indian, and were there to speak; at times things became quite contentious. And Michael also noted that of the 9 School Committee members, he thought that 7 are NOT graduates of TFHS. More will be coming on this subject as these meetings progress. Thank you, Michael, for your report and participation.

**Night After Thanksgiving All Class Reunion:** Karen has contacted Lew Collins again at BTU and we are all for our event to be held there on Friday, November 25. We sure hope to see many of you for this free fun event! More detailed information will follow, but please mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

**Alumni Board:** Doug regretfully reported that Lesley Cogswell has resigned from our Board.

**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.

**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, November 2nd, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m., Montague Elks Lodge,  
Turners Falls  
Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Collins