

Turners Falls High School Alumni Association

Minutes of Meeting

May 3, 2017 – 7:00 p.m., Elks Lodge

Present: Doug Brown, Michael Cadran, Karen Collins, Sheryl Jablonski, Ron LaRoche, Anne Maddern & Steve Prokowich

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

Bank Account/Financial Report: \$3,678.04 (Sheryl reported receipt of \$35 in memory of donation)

Newsletter: 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 golfinggirl101@yahoo.com or Doug Brown at tfsalumni@gmrds.org or Sheryl Jablonski at sheryljab@gmail.com. Thanks, in advance, for your help!

School Banners: More discussion on this project. We were presented with the student words; need to come up with design choices. Still working within our original budget of \$1,000. Doug will contact printer again, and we should all bring design ideas to the next meeting.

Scholarship: Karen disbursed the applications she picked up at the school; they will be reviewed and ranked 1 – 5 by Steve, Anne, Mike, Karen, Ron and Doug. Results should be sent to Karen via email by the end of next week. Steve Prokowich (Sheryl if needed) offered to present at Awards Night. We would like to get a current photo of our awardee and their alumni family for our newsletter.

Miscellaneous Request: Sheryl had a request from a class for Alumni materials to provide to classmates during their reunions. We should all think about what we could offer – registration forms, newsletters, etc.

Constitution: we performed a review of our current constitution; no changes deemed necessary.

June Meeting: reminder that we will have our annual elections for all Officers and Board Members at our next meeting. Please let us know if you have an interest in becoming a Board Member or an officer. Officer and Board duties follow (extracted from our Constitution):

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- 1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Association, if in attendance, and shall be chair of the Board of Directors. The president shall countersign all contracts and instruments in writing, requiring the approval of the Association or Board of Directors.*
- 2. The vice-president shall act in all capacities as the president, when the latter is not in attendance or his/her signature is not available.*
- 3. The secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association and Board of Directors, and keep a record of the membership and all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors.*
- 4. The treasurer shall have custody of all funds and papers relating to the*

business of the Association except such as are placed in the hands of the secretary, shall disburse such amounts as are duly authorized by vote of the Association or Board of Directors, and shall obtain two authorized signatures on all orders and checks drawn on the treasury (authorized signatories to include the president, the treasurer and/or secretary).

5. The Board of Directors shall act in all matters pertaining to the business affairs of the Association in the interim between annual meetings of the Association.

6. The Board of Directors shall have custody of all funds held in trust for the benefit of the Association, which may be raised by the Association, and shall determine the method of investment and control of the same. They shall render through the treasurer a full report of such funds, investments, and expenditures to the Association at each annual meeting at some time prior to the election of officers.

Email Karen Collins by May 26th with your interest at golfinggirl101@yahoo.com And mark your calendars for June 7th to attend when the vote will take place. All are welcome! Get involved in all the fun!

Donation Request: Doug presented a request made to the Association to donate \$40 towards a tee box for the upcoming TFHS Football Golf Tournament; Sheryl made a motion to make this donation, seconded by Anne, passed unanimously.

TFHS Alumni Golf Tournament: Doug again reminded us of the various tasks which we will need to undertake for the tournament; the focus now should be on obtaining raffle prizes, sponsorship and in memory of donations. We will need help with this event, now and the day of, 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.gmrtd.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, June 7th, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m., Montague Elks Lodge, Turners Falls.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Collins