



Tumwater High School Alumni Association
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2014, 6:30 PM,
Tumwater High School Library (library locked so met in Career Room)

1. Board Attendees: Jim Ishihara (64) President, Bill Curtis (62) Vice-president, Janet Ishihara (65) Secretary, Pam (Wagner) Sapp (69) Treasurer.
 - a. Absent: Vicki McKinnon (65) Membership Chair (note Vicki came to THS library but no one there), Louisa Shimamoto (75) Activities Chair, Jared Burbidge (86) Communications Chair.
 - b. Guest Attendees: Dan Parsons (65), Kevin Campbell (87)
2. Meeting was called to order by Jim Ishihara, President at 6:30 PM.
3. Secretary : m/s/p to dispense with the reading of the minutes.
4. Treasurer's report by Pam.

Operating Account:

1/31/14 Operating Account Beginning Balance \$4,487.15

Deposits

General Membership dues \$ 200.00

Golf Tournament:

Hole sponsors \$ 400.00

Additional sponsor donation \$ 100.00

Expenses

Tumwater Valley Golf Course (tournament deposit) \$ 114.00

Transfer to Savings (40% of membership fee) \$ 80.00

2/28/14 Ending Balance \$4,947.40

“Scholarship” Fund \$ 500.00

Savings Account:

2/28/14 Balance \$ 2,743.44

5. Membership: We had some discussion regarding our membership numbers. We're at 36 paid members for 2014 out of a total of 49 paid members over the last two years. We sent reminders to 2013 members, conducted a membership drive using class coordinators and Kim Marquette's 600 alumni email list, plus recently disseminated our latest newsletter which provided membership information. One suggestion by Bill was to target a class and send letters via mail soliciting their membership. OHS had some success using this approach. The classes of 64 and 65 have quite comprehensive contact information and each of those classes have 10 alumni members. The question is will receipt of a “hardcopy” of letter by these classes induce more classmates to become alumni members? We need further discussion on this. Is there a compelling reason for an alum to become an association member? What's in it for them? Another aspect is to revisit our membership dues; compare OHS vs. THS dues (appears OHS's life membership dues is considerably less). Do we need to be that concerned with membership numbers so long as we're financially solvent through fund raisers and able to meet our program needs?
6. Activities Chairperson Report: The following phone-in by Louisa is summarized:



- a. Homecoming: Date yet to be confirmed but probably October 10, 2014. Still planning for a chili or spaghetti feed.
 - b. 4th of July Parade: Working with Tracy Malmin Skinner, THS dance team coach to have alumni group (dance team and/or cheerleaders) follow the THS entry.
7. Communications Chairperson Report: No report.
8. Old Business:
- a. THSAA Scholarship: Dan reported that the Scholarship committee incorporated modifications to the form and submitted to Jana Tyrell for use by seniors interested in applying. Also the form is on the alumni website. This year's submission must be in "typed" form. Further discussion centered around increasing the scholarship quantity and/or amount for award this year. Last year we netted approximately \$3800 of which 40% was designated for the endowment savings account. Should we award two \$1000 scholarships? We have until the end of April to decide on amount and quantity.
 - b. Golf Tournament: Kevin indicated OBEE has again agreed to be the tournament sponsor. Jim mailed a letter with sponsor form to 26 prior sponsors. Alumni members are encouraged to seek more sponsors who they may be acquainted with. TVGC has been reserved for THSAA T-times from 11:30 to 1:30 on June 14. Additional T-times can be obtained depending upon quantity of golfers signing up. Jim has signed a contract with River's Edge Restaurant to cater the post tournament banquet. Jim to email to his "Golf" distribution list, the registration form to play in the tournament. Kevin and Jim to followup via phone/visit with the potential sponsors.
9. New Business:
- a. Board Staggered Terms/Board Structure: Discussion centered around a multitude of issues about our board structure, term of office and orderly progression of board positions up for election/reelection. There are functions that could become board positions (scholarship, golf, and webmaster). Jim was reluctant to make changes due to the pending IRS nonprofit application but the consensus seems to be we need to move forward with the changes.
 - b. Collaboration with THS Booster Club (SOAR): Jim met with Talia Hastie of SOAR last month to discuss possible areas of collaboration. SOAR conducts an annual Hall of Fame Dinner Auction in May; we can easily help advertise the event via our email lists and we can have alumni membership and golf tournament forms as part of the HOF packet handout. Other possibilities we discussed was coordinating a HOF for distinguished alumnis (not necessarily athletic).
 - c. We need more decals.
10. Next Board Meeting: April 8, 2014, 6:30 PM at Rivers Edge Restaurant (spring break)
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. m/s/p.