

MILTON HERSHEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
HOMESTEAD CHAPTER

Minutes of March 9, 2009 General Membership Meeting  
(in the basement of the Dearden House)

President Ralph Griffith called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Ralph stated that he has requested that Ralph Carfagno's office provide Guest Speakers for our Chapter Meetings. Hopefully someone will be identified in time to let people know before next months meeting.

Officers Reports:

President's Report - Ralph indicated that as of this evening, we have re-instated the Chapter 50/50. Tickets are available, on an honor basis, two dollars each, three for five dollars, on the table up front. At the end of the meeting, tickets will be drawn for three winners. The Chapter will keep 50% of the proceeds, one winner will get 25% and the other two winners will get 12.5% each.

He also stated that the School sent out an e-mail requesting alumni assistance for the Pine Wood Derby to be held March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM till noon at Catherine Hall. Any one willing to assist should contact Ralph.

Secretary's Report - Chester Rose read the minutes from the February 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting. Following a motion by Bob Patton and a second by Junior Vie, the minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - James Gibbs' reported that the treasury consisted of \$200 in the Petty Cash Fund, \$4,904 in the Checking Account and \$10,103 in the Savings Account for a total of \$15,207. Junior Vie motioned and Bob Patton seconded the approval of the Treasurer's Report. It was approved.

Vice President's Report - Shannon Coughlin explained the School's request for assistance from the Homestead and Harrisburg Chapters to provide refreshments for the YRE students at a School Movie Night on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The School is renting a projector and a large, inflatable 40 x 48 ft screen for the movie to be shown on the football field at Henry Hershey Field. They are also going to charge off-duty staff and alumni \$10 per family. There was general discussion about the kinds and quantity of refreshments needed.

Programs Committee - John O'Toole reported that the March Breakfast had 65 paying customers.

The April breakfast will be on the 4<sup>th</sup>, NOT on the 11<sup>th</sup> as previously reported. The Steak Fry will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> at Purcell Friendship Hall, with the tickets \$15 each in advance or \$18 each at the door. We are looking for auction donations. The items we had last year were popular, as opposed to some of the "white elephant" trash we had in previous years.

There will be no meetings in June or July. We will start the next year with the traditional Spaghetti Dinner for Chapter members in place of the August meeting. It will be on the second Monday of August.

Spartanwear - There will be a sale at the Parent's Weekend on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Because the School will have a large number of Centennial items available this year and the senior class and the Athletic Department, we may not make the large inventory purchase we have made in the past.

Communications Committee-Chris Cook stated the Chapter Spring Newsletter for April-May should be distributed by the end of March. Last call for any items to be included. Ralph requested a Spaghetti Dinner flyer be available at the Movie Night for the younger alumni.

Interchapter - John Hanawalt reported that the Harrisburg has relocated their meeting place to the VFW at 6611 Evelyn St in Harrisburg (behind the Wal Mart). Their Chapter is still looking for assistance for their second annual Easter Party for the kids who do not go home for Easter. They intend to have crafts and want volunteers to be craft leaders. There will also be a pizza party and a visit by the Easter Bunny. The date is Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. Interested volunteers should contact John or his brother Jim (phone numbers listed in the book).

Student Functions- Ralph stated the student functions have already been covered.

Old Business:

The two Agenda items on Donation to the Senior/Alumni Dinner and the Donation to the Dearden House were resolved at the last meeting.

New Business:

The April Breakfast will be on the 4<sup>th</sup>, with a regular elementary student home as our guest.

The School's Movie Night for YRE students will be on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

John O'Toole made a motion that this year we give two \$500 Spartan Pride Awards, which was seconded by Bob Patton. Following discussion it was approved.

Charles Dodson distributed the minutes from the National MHSAA meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>, and pointed out the information on the reverse about the Homestead Chapters support to the students.

Dick Shadel stated there are still some Raffle tickets from the 600 for the Senior/Alumni Dinner.

Upcoming events:

The next Breakfast will be on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

The next Chapter Meeting will be on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn - Bob Patton, second - James Gould.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM..

Submitted By,



Chester A. Rose

Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE

Ralph Griffith, '58  
Shannon Coughlin, '88  
Tom Keck, '66  
Bob Patton, '56  
Christine Cook, '81  
Junior Vie, '55

Chester Rose, '59	Jim Gibbs, '63
Charles Dodson, '50	John O'Toole, '61
Carlos Crespo Gongalez, '08	Jim Black, '75
Fred Bowser, '56	John B Bowser, '59
Richard L Shadel, '54	John Hanawalt, '70
Jim Gould, '63	Tony Reale, '57