

MILTON HERSHEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
HOMESTEAD CHAPTER

Minutes of January 11, 2010 General Membership Meeting
(at the Purcell Friendship Hall)

President Shannon Coughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Shannon introduced the evening's speaker, Dr. Anthony Colistra, Class of '59, President of MHS, who gave a very interesting and informative presentation on the economic status of the School. He also answered questions from the attending members.

Officers Reports:

Presidents Report -Shannon Coughlin stated that he would defer his comments till the Old and New Business Agenda items.

Treasurer's Report -In the absence of Treasurer, James Gibbs, John O'Toole gave the Treasurer's report. The Chapter has a balance in the checking account of \$8,005.96 and in the money market account \$10,142.50 for a total \$18,148.46. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Secretary's Report -Shannon stated that copies of the last meeting minutes were available on each table and ask if there were any objections or changes to the written report. Jim Black ask to have his, Dick and Polly Schadle's names added to the list of attendance at the last meeting. It was agreed. Bob Patton made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. It was seconded by Junior Vie and accepted by the membership.

Vice President's Report -Michelle Kissinger explained that she occupied two different hats in that in addition to being the VP of the Chapter she also a member of the Board of Directors of the National MHSAA. As such she is also the National VP of Communications and has been charged with upgrading and improving websites and other networking sites (Facebook and My Space, etc) for the MHSAA. Chester Rose explained that he has experienced difficulty sending out e-mail notices to the members. It seems to be concentrated with those with service with Verizon.

Chapter Representative -Charles Dodson had no report since the National has not had a meeting since our last meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report - No report from the Finance Committee.

Spartan Wear - John O'Toole reported that he is getting ready to make a small order to replenish some items but would make a bigger order in the summer for the fall Homecoming Sale. If anyone needs any thing, the shop is open during the monthly Breakfasts.

Food Service - John O'Toole stated that we are continuing our monthly Breakfasts with increasing attendance. There were seventy-four who enjoyed the Chapter Christmas Party last Saturday evening. The School Chef, with assistance from four students, served a very good meal. Some updates to the 2010 Calender of Events lists which were distributed on each table: There will be a Breakfast on April 10th and there will also be an extra Breakfast in April on the 24th for members and visitors for Fellowship Weekend. There will a Breakfast on July 10th. And the date of the September Breakfast changes from the 4th to the 11th. Notice that the Breakfasts continue through the summer this year-we had trouble rebuilding business after past summer breaks.

Communications -Chris Cook announced that the winter Newsletter will be distributed in a few days.

By-Laws - Jim Gould reported he is still waiting for Past President Heist to distribute the National Proposed Chapter By-Laws. Our By-Laws remain in effect until told otherwise.

InterChapter - John Hanawalt reported that the Harrisburg Chapter had their Christmas Party on December 16th at the Schellsville VFW. Their attendance was only about half of ours but was enjoyed by all.

They recently lost one of their long time, active members, George Filepas, Class of '38. He contributed greatly to the Harrisburg Chapter and his community.

The Harrisburg Chapter will be having their Third Annual Elementary Kids Easter Party. Anyone interested in participating will receive more information at a later meeting.

Old Business:

The Chapter sponsored Elementary Christmas Party entertained about four hundred and fifty kids with one hundred and forty pizzas, many donated cookies and candy canes when the kids visited with Santa Claus.

The Chapter contributed the cookies and served hot chocolate to all the kids who attended the Milton's Workshop. Thanks to all those who participated.

As John reported, the Chapter Christmas Party was attended by seventy-four who enjoyed a great meal prepared by the Chef and his four student assistants. Because the original party was

postponed due to snowfall, we were not able to get entertainment, but a good time was had anyway.

The Year Round Experience (YRE) Christmas Party this year was held at the Jumbo Buffet, on Paxton Street near Bass Pro. We had forty-eight kids and twenty-five chaperones and Chapter members. We are considering splitting the group next year and taking the younger kids to a local pizza parlor and the older ones to a buffet. More on that at a later time.

Dori sent out an e-mail stating that the kids at the Elementary Christmas Party send out Christmas Cards to military in combat zones. She offered to collect and store unused Christmas cards for next year's Elementary Christmas Party. Drop off any cards you have with Dori at the Alumni Office.

New Business:

The Athletic Appreciation event will be held soon to recognize the achievements of the football team. It was suggested that the Chapter donate a sheet cake for appreciation of the efforts of the football players. Following discussion it was unanimously accepted.

On February 10th the Valentine Dinner by the School's Culinary Arts Students will be held at the Purcell Friendship Hall. Let Dori know if you are interested in attending. It will be \$25 a person with a maximum of fifty people. It is "First Come First Serve".

Again this year the Transitional Living students will be holding their "Iron Chef" competition finals at the Purcell Friendship Hall on March 9th. There is a need for about a dozen Judges. Anyone interested should contact Shannon. In addition, observers to this event are admitted free and the Chapter provides free snacks.

The Elementary Kids Pinewood Derby will be held in March, probably the Saturday of the Winter Family Weekend. Since Scouting is no longer a requirement for participating, they do not know how big the group will be this year. Any help will be appreciated. More information at a future meeting.

There is a paper circulating for any suggested Guest Speakers. There are also copies of the 2010 Events List at each of the tables. Some of the dates may be subject to change.

The Project Leader of the AEE Greenhouse has announced that plants are available for sale Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

Upcoming events:

The next Breakfast will be on February 6th.

The next Chapter Meeting will be February 8th.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted By,



Chester A. Rose
Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE

Ralph Griffith
Michelle Kissinger
Terry M Donaker, Jr
Shirley Reale
Adam Wise
Bob Patton
John B Bowser
Tom Keck
Milt Purcell
Rick Francis
Tony Reale
Polly Shadle
Junior Via

Chester Rose
Dirk Dixon
Alan Nagle
Red Patterson
Ken McClay
Fred Bowser
Jack Swofford
Ralph Carfagno
Bob Gurt
Jack Straw
Jim Gould
John O'Toole
John Hanawalt

Shannon Coughlin
Charles Dodson
Ronald Reale
Jerry Gaughan
Bill Parks
Dave Bowser
Mike Mulderig
Pete Gurt
Chris Cook
Rich Mattis
Dick Shadle
Jim Black