

MILTON HERSHEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
HOMESTEAD CHAPTER

Minutes of March 8, 2010 General Membership Meeting  
(in the basement of the Dearden House)

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

The meeting was started with a moment of silence for the recently deceased Purnell Payne, Harvey Deitrich, '34 and Benjamin Helm, '47.

Harvey's service will be held at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Hummelstown at 1:00 PM on Sunday, the 14<sup>th</sup>. Harvey's family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the MHSAA.

Ben's service will be on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM (viewing at 10:00-11:00 AM) at the Grace United Methodist Church in Hummelstown.

**Officers Reports:**

**Chapter Representative** -Charles Dodson was not present.

**Secretary's Report** -Chester Rose 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. Bob Patton made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. It was seconded by Mike Mulderig and accepted by the membership.

**Treasurer's Report** -James Gibbs gave the financial status as \$10,148 in the MMA, \$6,780 in the checking account and \$33 in petty cash for a total of \$16,961. The Spartan Wear inventory has been greatly reduced and will need to be replenished before Homecoming. The annual MHSAA Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hershey Country Club West Course. In the past, the Chapter has donated \$300 for the Tournament. Jim made a motion to give \$300 again this year in memorial to Dick Purcell. Bob Patton seconded the motion which was accepted by the membership.

**Vice President's Report** -Michelle Kissinger announced that she has made a decision, due to job time requirements, to resign her position on the MHSAA Board of Directors. She will continue her position, and to participate, with the Homestead Chapter.

**President's Reports** - Shannon reminded everyone about the Alumni/Senior Dinner on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Motor Lodge. Everyone should have received their flyers by now. There will also be a Chapter Breakfast at Purcell Friendship Hall on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:00 AM. Dick

Shadle, MHSAA Chairman, added that he hopes everyone will attend and or sponsor a Senior.

The rescheduled Iron Chef Finale will be Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at Purcell. The sponsors have indicated they would like two alumni to serve with members of the School staff as judges. Spectators are invited and refreshments will be served.

The “Living the Legacy” DVDs are available at the reception desk at the Dearden House for \$5. Mail orders are \$8.

From the Chapter Christmas Party there was 253 pounds of food donated plus enough cash to purchase two turkeys.

### **New Business:**

Shannon stated that he had received notice from Mary McDonagh, Harrisburg Chapter President, that their Chapter is planning to have a Yard Sale on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 2:00 at the Tree of Life Church on Lingelstown Road. Two options are purchase a table for \$10 (two tables for \$15) and you keep sale proceeds. Second option is to donate items to the Chapter for sale. There will also be refreshments for sale.

We have received a request from Sheryl Rickmers, Bill’s daughter, who is “going to jail” to raise funds for the MDA in memory of her mom, Tish, who passed away four years ago. Information is available from Shannon.

Shannon continued a discussion started at the last meeting regarding new activities designed to encourage participation of more members. One possible activity would be the addition of a Casino Night at the upper level of Purcell after the Steak Fry dinner. Another event suggested was occasional dinners similar to those held previous to the Dearden House renovations. Discussion revealed that the Steak Fry competes with the Hershey Bears being in the playoffs. An alternative would be to have the Casino Night with the August Dinner on a Saturday night. Dick Schadle and Harry Heath will form a committee to work up the details of a Casino Night to be held with the August Dinner.

Also, the possibility of alternating meeting date/time has been discussed and the Executive Committee has decided to try the April meeting at 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Communications** - Chris Cook announced the Chapter Newsletter will be distributed in April. Any information, i.e., Steak Fry, for the Newsletter should be submitted soon.

**InterChapter** - John Hanawalt reported that the Harrisburg Chapter will again sponsor the Easter Party for the elementary students on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with the egg coloring, egg hunt and visits with the Easter Bunny. Contact John or Jim Hanawalt at 652-7424. Also, the MHSAA monthly meeting will be on

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30 AM and will adjourn in time for attendance at Harvey's service at 1:00 PM.

Jim Black is taking nominations for the Homestead Chapter Alumni Service Award.

Upcoming events:

Spartan Wear Sale at the Upper Level Dining Hall, Founder's Hall Saturday, Mar 13th.

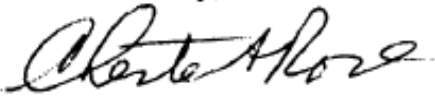
The next Breakfast will be on April 10<sup>th</sup> (NOT the 3<sup>rd</sup>).

The next Chapter Meeting will be April 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

School President, Dr. Tony Colistra, attending as a Chapter member, answered questions regarding the cleanup of Founder's Hall and his pending move into the Homestead.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM..

**Submitted By,**



**Chester A. Rose**

**Secretary**

IN ATTENDANCE

Chester Rose

Shannon Coughlin

Jim Gibbs

Michelle Kissinger

Mike Mulderig

John Hanawalt

John B Bowser

Dr. Tony Colistra

Richard Shadel

Bill Rickmers

Bob Patton

Chris Cook

Christopher Osborn

Ralph Griffith

Alan Nagle

Harry Heath

Jim Black

Terry M Donaher, Jr